Bible Paintings By Utah LDS Artist Chosen by De Mille

Cecil B. de Mille has requested a Utah LDS artist to set the major dramatic scenes for one of his epic motion picture productions. These scenes will eventually also be distributed as a choice Bible calendar.

The Artist is Arnold Friberg.

The movie will be "The Ten Commandments." The bid from Hollywood came as a direct result of the paintings he has completed on the Book of Mormon.

The Chicago-born, Arizona-reared craftsman is currently working on a series of 12 scenes on Book of Mormon subjects, eight of which are completed. They are for the use of the Primary Assn., and the Deseret Sunday School Union of the Church and for the Deseret Book Co.

These Book of Mormon scenes as they were being used by the Children's Friend, won top national honors for their quality and methods of presentation.

Winner Christmas Deseret News Poem, Story Awards

Two noted Salt Lake writers were announced in mid-December as winners of the 1953 Christmas Deseret News story and poem contest.

They are Mrs. Betty Wall Madsen, story contest winner, and Mrs. Vesta P. Crawford, whose poem stood first in the contest. Both women also are past winners in the traditional Deseret News sponsored literary effort.

Both the winning entries appeared in the Christmas edition of the News.

What Do They Put In The Box In Cornerstones?

Within the copper cornerstone box of the Los Angeles Temple at the time the cornerstone was laid, Dec. 11, 1953, were placed the following items:

Late copies of the Salt Lake and Los Angeles daily newspapers and the Church News; photographs of Pres. Eisenhower and the General Authorities, and the stake presidents in the L. A. Temple area; a report of last General Conference; the standard works of the Church; Leo A. Muir's two-volume "History of Mormon Activities in California;" late copies of Church magazines; of "The Welfare Plan," published in 1946; silver coins 1c to $1; late copies of the California Intermountain News and Santa Monica and Westwood City papers; photographs of workmen, of people in progress, of Los Angeles City and County officers, construction plans for temple, list of contributions to date, copy of "Gospel Ideals" by Pres. McKay.

Messenger Finds One Reader Who Reads All

"I always read the Messenger from cover to cover (ads included). It really keeps one in touch with the friends we do not often see, and informs us of each ward's progress," writes Mrs. Minnie Ellsworth of Kingsburg Place, Oakland, first prize winner in the September contest on the best five reasons why we could well patronize the Messenger advertisers.

She adds, "The only thing lacking in the Messenger is a genealogical column." This suggestion will be followed, it is hoped, in the current issue.

Joseph Hansen of Greenwood Street, Oakland, comments on the convenience he finds in the fact that each Messenger advertises the phone number to call, saving a hunt into the pages of the clumsy phone book.

Eureka Youth Wins Archaeology Award At BYU

Charles H. Stephens, Eureka, California, and v. p. of the BYU campus chapter of the University Archaeological Society, won third place at the annual fall roundtable of the society, held in Salt Lake City, Nov. 29, 1953.

His winning paper was entitled, "A History of LDS Interest in Archaeology."

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Don L. Kimball Heads El Cerrito Chamber Commerce

Don L. Kimball was recently elected president for a third time of the El Cerrito Chamber of commerce. During 1945 and 1946, Kimball served as president.

Kimball succeeds Judge Joe

Martyn Turner. He states it will be a non-partisan program and is depending on the present members to bring in other new members.

Other offices held by Kimball, include, Chairman, Unit No. 23, California Trailer Park Assn., district vice chairman, California Trailer Park Assn., vice chairman, Trailer Coach Assn., Bay Area chapter. He is a member of the Lishona Club, Lions Club, El Cerrito City Club, Boy Scout Club, and assists in the United Crusade, Community Chest, and other worth while drives. He also holds memberships in the San Pablo and San Leandro Chambers of Commerce, having sales lots also in these cities.

Liahona Club Expects Banner Year In 1954 Three Events Planned

NUMBER One—Official opening of campsite for services: In June of 1954, the Liahona Club will officially open for service its beautiful fifteen and a half acre campsite in the High Sierras. This campsite, which could well be called the Grand Canyon of California, is located on Clark's Fork, on Highway 108, within the Stanislaus Forest and the Sonora Pass Playground, 60 miles above Sonora.

In making this announcement, the Club also takes pleasure in inviting the following groups to participate in the enjoyment of the campsite during the '54 camping season.

(a) Club members, their families, friends and guests.

(b) The boys and girls of the great MIA of the Bay Area, under the sponsorship and supervision of the various age-group leaders.

(c) Such other Church groups as may desire special arrangement to join us in its use.

There will be no charge. The participants will be required to provide their own food, sleeping equipment, leadership and spiritual guidance, and of course, preserve the camp.

The Club must, under the Forest Department regulations, reserve (and does reserve) general supervision and control.

Facilities Available

There will be available in June of 1954 the following facilities, accommodations and attractions:

(1) The Lodge will be fully completed, with large lounge, beautifully finished in knotty pine, and a large, glowing fireplace. The Lodge has a large front porch, four upstairs dorms, and double sleeping porches at each end of the building. (2) A utility building providing wash rooms, showers and rest rooms, with septic tank attached; hot and cold running water. (3) Open air dining area and barbecue pit. (4) Pure, cold mountain water piped to the site. (5) Playing fields for baseball, horseshoes and other outdoor games. (6) Campfire area for evening programs. (7) Camping area for casual campers. (8) Segregated outdoor, under the stars, canvass-surrounded sleeping quarters. (9) Close mountain streams and brooks; trailways for hikes; majestic and inspirational mountains and forest; all of nature's abundance in the spiritual study of the great outdoors.

NUMBER TWO—This in anticipation: It is hoped that 1954 will see the construction of a swimming pool. This is a large undertaking, but many have clamored for it. The Club members by great sacrifice — in time, labor and money—have brought to fruition the site in its present status. They now welcome and invite any and all who feel like investing a little in the Youth of the Church to contribute to this swimming pool. Mail contribution to Marion Johnson, 6201 Hillegass Ave., Oakland 9.

NEW MEMBERS — Invitation to new members: The first three months of 1954 have been set aside to invite new members into the Club.

WHO MAY JOIN?—The Club is founded especially for men in business and professions, either by way of ownership, management, or executive position.

WHAT ARE THE CLUB'S OBJECTIVES?—To maintain valuable contacts in this fast-growing metropolitan area, where stakes are rapidly being divided, is a real opportunity to belong to a Club which can keep one in touch with old friends and help make new ones.

To provide a study club in business and professional problems; to learn, not only from each other, but to hear the best informed speakers in all available fields of thought and endeavor. To provide recreational and social activities with those who share similar ideals and goals.

To promote worthy projects, such as the campsite and sponsoring of the Messenger. To do all this in a background and environment of high spiritual values.

WE INVITE AND WELCOME ALL ELIGIBLE LDS MEN TO JOIN US!—Our present membership of about 70 has done the hardest work—we look forward to increasing our numbers to two or three hundred. With this increased membership, 1954 should be a banner year—for the Club as a whole and for the members individually.

— Ronald Smith, president: A. D. Ericksen, chairman of camp committee; M. D. Smith, chairman membership committee.

'Voice of Warning' Translated Into French 100 Years Ago

The Deseret News of December 23, 1853, carried a news item regarding elders then translating "The Voice of Warning" and "The Seer" into French.

Dec. 23, 1853 — Elder A. L. Lamereaux wrote from St. Helliers, Isle of Jersey, that he was busy translating the works of the Church into French, assisted by James H. Hart and L. A. Bertrand. "The Voice of Warning" had been completed, and "The Seer" was nearly finished.

> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
> St. Matthew 5:16

Solve Burgons Bungled Sentence

A bungled sentence is here presented. It is a well-known Mormon saying. The challenge herewith offered is an award of any L D S dollar book desired for the first person to unscramble the letters and words and send in the correct sentence wording. Here's the sentence:

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Address all communications regarding this monthly column to H. W. Burgon, 523 7th Street, Richmond, Calif. A new and similar sentence and award will appear in each issue of the Messenger. Watch for them on page eight of each issue.

Faith-Awakening Experience Told By Serviceman

By THYS WINKEL.

It is indeed stimulating to hear directly the stories, testimonies and experiences of the men in the military service. A short time ago, one of our young men, Lloyd Green, of the Browning Ward in Salt Lake City, told an experience. He said:

"Several months ago I was stationed in Tennessee. I was not in the habit of attending LDS group meetings with our boys. Altho invitations had been given me I nevertheless declined and kept to myself. One evening, writing a letter to my mother, an LDS young man approached me and suggested we go to the group meeting which was about to commence. It didn't take long for me to inform him that I was busy writing an important person a letter, that I didn't have time for the meeting, besides I just wasn't interested.

"My friend put his hand on my shoulder and said: 'The letter can be finished tomorrow, it could not be mailed until then anyway. The meeting is tonight. I'm sure we'll have a good time considering with our own Church members'. I said: 'You win', and together we attended. A humble prayer was offered, the Sacrament was sung, a delightful spirit of kindness and love could be felt, earnest testimonies were given wherein these men clad in the Navy uniform, indicated their thanksgiving for the choice blessings of life, for their wonderful homes, parents and relatives. Mention was frequently made regarding the value of their membership in the Church.

"It seems a spiritual awakening took place in my life that evening. I began to realize that I, too, was a recipient of those marvelous blessings; I held the priesthood of God; I was identified with His Church, and the Lord had been ever good to me. Why was I depriving myself of these thrills and inspirational opportunities?"

Today Lloyd is an active group leader at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, carries local ward assignments also, and is doing a splendid work. He is admired by his associates. The question arises: Would this enthusiasm and interest have been kindled had it not been for the young man who encouraged the group meeting in place of writing a letter? Great things are accomplished by small gestures!

See Europe With LDS Friends In Economical Way

Many have heard of Mrs. Alonzo Morley, whose husband is director of the BYU Speech clinic. Mrs. Morley has successfully directed summer travel tours for groups, including those to Hawaii and other foreign lands.

We now receive word from her at Fresno where she is spending a year while Dr. Morley is on leave from the BYU to direct a speech clinic at Fresno State.

The Morleys are scheduled to conduct a "See Europe" tour of LDS travelers "the pleasant and economical way." They advise us that the sailing date is June 30, 1954 for 63 days, visiting eight countries for a cost of "only $987," everything included. Mrs. Morley

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January 1953 As Seen In The Messenger

One year ago this month, the January 1953 Messenger carried several interesting news items.

A first page, top-column story concerned the announcement by Thomas Stuart Ferguson of the organization of the "New World Archaeological Foundation," for field explorations work in Book of Mormon lands.

Pres. Thos. W. Gardner of the Northern California Mission, reported the number of branches and districts in the mission rapidly decreasing. On Dec. 9, 1952, San Jose Stake was organized, taking from the mission, Salinas, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Santa Cruz and several other branches.

A front page picture showed the Santa Rosa Stake presidency with Ezra Taft Benson as the apostle attended the Santa Rosa stake Quarterly Conference, in Vallejo, Oct. 12, 1953. Shown are Pres. John A. Murdock and counsellors, Thomas C. Byrne and Bryant Knowlton.

The wedding reception given by Pres. Serge J. and Mrs. Jean Lauper at the San Francisco stake house for their daughter, Georgia Lauper and Crawford Gates, was head news on page two of the January 1953 Messenger. Brother Gates is professor of music at the BYU and well-known for his 1947 Utah-Centennial "All Faces West" composition.

Elder David Wood's release from the East German Mission, arriving Lauper docks in New York City January 5, 1953, then fly to Puerto Rico to visit Captain Don Wood, and to Alice, Texas to visit Elder Calvin Wood laboring in the Spanish-American Mission.

A visit to Berkeley relatives and friends by Leo J. Muir in late December 1952, was told, with an accompanying cut of Bro. Muir. He is the author of the new two-volume "History of Mormon Activities in California."

Elmo R. Smith became second counsellor in the Oakland Stake presidency, January 27, 1953.

Reasonable Farm Program Outlined By Sec'y Benson

"We must Plant to Prosper," was the subject of an address by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson for an observance celebrating the 20th Anniversary of "Plant to Prosper" group, Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1953.

The Secretary said:

"I should like to develop this plant to prosper theme along three parallel lines. (1) We must plant to prosper—not to go broke. If we are to prosper, we must adjust our planting to the needs confronting us. This has great practical meaning for your agriculture today here in the Mid-South and South—especially for producers of cotton.

(2) We must plant, not only crops, but programs to prosper. We must improve our existing farm programs so that they will contribute in the most effective manner possible to agricultural and national prosperity.

(3) We must plant—not only crops, and not only programs—we must plant ideals and principles that will keep America free—that will enable America to move forward to a prosperity of the spirit as well as of the body.

"The present farm programs were largely evolved out of depression and war—and not out of a situation such as now confronts us. We must adapt our programs to changing circumstances. We must keep pace with progress."

"As guides in the formation of future farm policies and programs, I believe the following are essential if we are to continue as a free society:

1. The program must provide for a constantly improved farm economy.

2. It must fully protect the farmers' freedom of choice.

3. It must be in the farmers' interest.

4. It must be in the public interest.

5. It must be financially practical. If it is not financially practical it will fail. Remember the Santo fiasco?

6. It must be geared to use rather than storage.

7. It must solve problems, not create them.

8. It must square with American principles.

"But after the people of this land have planted crops to prosper—and after they have planted programs to prosper—there still will remain what is, to me, the most important work of all—the planting and nuturing of ideals and principles which will continue to bring down upon this choice land the blessings of a kind Providence—blessings which we have so long had in wonderful abundance.

"Truly, this is a choice land—the richest land under Heaven. With only six percent of the world's people and six percent of its land, we produce half of all the world's industrial output."

"God help us to raise our sights beyond the dollar sign, beyond material things. May we have the courage to stand up and be counted, to stand for principle, for those noble concepts and ideals which guided the founding fathers in the establishment of this great land.

"Let it be our aim, in agriculture and everywhere:

"To keep this land strong so that we may always be free.

"To keep our nation free so that we may serve mankind with charity.

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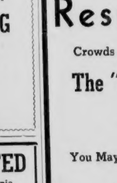

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(1) Former issue, 7 columns, 30 inches long.
(2) This issue, 8 columns, 22 inches long.
(3) Increase in space for news and ads, 22 per cent over last month.
(4) Increase of twice in size over the 5-column format with which we began in 1946.

GLOBE CIRCLING Travellers Drive Into Oakland

Vinal G. Mauss and Wife Return From Japanese Mission Presidency

Vinal G. Mauss came back to Oakland Saturday, January 16, with his wife, Ethel and son Gordon from Japan where Vinal has presided over the Japanese Mission for four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauss drove into Oakland from Los Angeles in a new car, purchased in New York, in which they had toured the East and reached home over the southern route, leaving Japan October 15, on a French liner, the couple had completed a circling of the globe and had visited over a dozen countries and principal cities of the world.

Vigorous, and alert as ever, the season mission president, with Ethel, his talented wife, and with son Gordon, now grown into a tall, poised junior high school lad, has come back to Oakland to re-enter the field of mortuary service with the Colonial Mortuary which he left in 1949, when he accepted his second call to Japan as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Mauss family consisting of Pres. and Mrs. Mauss, Armond and Peggy and Gordon, left America in mid 1949 on the Grover Cleveland. They left the Bay Area as a family but have returned at separate times. Peggy came back in December, 1952, as Mrs. Peggy Eliason and went on to Logan, (Continued on Page 3)

Messenger Slogan

I will include our LDS businessmen within the circle of my day to day shopping, even tho it requires going a little out of my way. I believe it's brotherhood in action.

S.L.C. Police Officers Reported Considering Los Angeles Appointments

Reports in January from Salt Lake City speak of rumors that last four of the Los Angeles officers are interested in taking examinations for the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Deseret News states that examinations for the coast force will be conducted in Salt Lake, Feb. 6, by a team from Los Angeles Civil Service Commission.

It is understood that higher pay and other retirement advantages are weighing the scales in favor of the City of Angels as against the City of the Saints.

The situation is said to resemble in some respects the exodus of a number of Utah school teachers to California teaching positions in the fall of 1953.

Lady Missionaries Atlantic States Mission Shows High Record

Claude H. Nalder, president of the Central Atlantic States Mission with headquarters at Roanoke, Virginia, reports in the December mission bulletin, various missionary activities for the previous month.

Looking at the averages for the lady missionaries and the average of the Elders one notes that the 15 ladies turn in commendable records compared to the 54 full time Elders.

In study classes held the ladies report an average of 25, the Elders 20; Individual hours study, ladies 47, Elders 43; tracting hours, ladies 47.5, Elders 38.8; cottage meetings held, ladies 31, Elders 28; total investigators hours, ladies 91, Elders 93; hours with members, ladies 44, Elders 71. The Elders excell in books sold.

LDS Artist Friberg Chosen by DeMille For Greatest Film

Concerning the forthcoming DeMille production 'The Ten Commandments', and the part a Utahn is to play in its production, Artist Arnold Friberg says in a letter to the Messenger dated Hollywood, January 3, 1954:

"This picture will be a tremendously serious and important one, for the story of God's dealings with Israel can scarcely be overemphasized.

"It is a joy to work here. I find Mr. DeMille a very sincere and humble man, seeking always for truth wherever it can be found. Brigham Young was a humble man, but bold as a lion. This is the kind of humility possessed by Mr. DeMille. Let us not confuse a grovelling lack of initiative with true humility."

". . . . Because of its splendid opportunity for overall good furnished by this movie, (The Ten Commandments) the Church has temporarily released me from the last four of the Book of Mormon series. This is, of course, just a postponement, not a cancellation."

In a postscript to his letter, Mr. Friberg adds: "P. S. We have pleasant memories of the Bay Area having attended San Francisco Ward for a couple of years."

DeMille Invites Friberg

Cecil B. DeMille was impressed by Arnold Friberg's masterful drawings of Book of Mormon scenes which have appeared in the Primary Association's magazine, "The Children's Friend." DeMille invited Friberg to Hollywood, the result that the artist has been engaged to paint scenes which will become features of the forthcoming DeMille movie masterpiece, "The Ten Commandments."

Century-Old Paper Shows Eastern Cattle Drove Overland to Coast

The Deseret News, Nov. 27, 1853, carried a brief news note that lifts the curtain of history on early-day methods of getting cattle across the plains in order to stock California farms. Salt Lake City was an oasis in the desert, and Utah settlements stepping stones to the Golden State. The news note reads:

"Capt. Horner, with a party of 20 wagons and more than 700 head of cattle reached our city recently. We understand that the cattle is destined for California by the South Route, and belongs to the firm of Jones, Middleton, and Riley of St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Jones is in attendance with the train.

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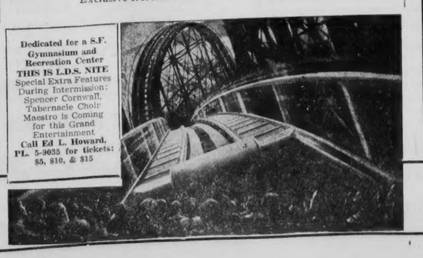

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Von T. Ellsworth Reports California Farm Sentiment Favors the Benson Policies

Von T. Ellsworth, research expert for the California State Farm Bureau reports early sentiment among farmer groups in California sharply in favor of Eisenhower farm policies as presented in the President's message to Congress early in January.

He predicts that the California Congressional delegation will support most of the Benson-Eisenhower farm program. Senator Knowland seems to be currently less vocal in statements favoring the program, but this attitude is locally interpreted as dictated by a prudent conservatism which will later give him more influence in the senate, drawing support for the program.

Three California State Farm Bureau officials are in Washington at present supporting the Eisenhower program. They are Fred Wilson, V. P. Rozzoni, and Don McCully, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Ellsworth pointed out that the American Farm Federation's convention in Chicago last December 18 adopted a strong resolution urging the government to abandon high, rigid farm price supports in favor of a flexible scale of supports. These recommendations of th farmer's national group have been presented to congressmen who usually give considerable weight to the AFBF's recommendations.

"The Benson policy," said columnist Holmes Alexander recently, "is nothing more than an evolutionary series of steps which the American Agriculture can move from the socialistic green field to the green pastures of respectability and self-support."

Genealogy Lessons On Wednesddays In Berkeley Chapel

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Gustav Schier, the lessons in Genealogy Research will continue to be held in the Berkeley Chapel on Wednesday nights in February, starting at 7:30. The lessons held in January proved very helpful to those attending. The rest of the series will be devoted to problems of class members with an emphasis on source and genealogical information in various European countries. Anyone who has been unable to attend previous lessons will be welcomed at any future meeting of the class.

Maestro Stokowski Predicts Salt Lake's Unusual Musical Promise

Leopold Stokowski, noted virtuoso, is quoted from Carlos Alexander, spectator Pittsburg, Pa., maestro, lately moved to Salt Lake City, as recently saying to important friends in Pittsburg:

"Leopold Stokowski told me in New York a month or four years ago that in his opinion 'Salt Lake City, because of the ideals and traditions of its people, is one of the most promising communities in the musical future of the United States'."

These words are quoted in the Deseret News of January 12, 1954, by the editorial-page columnist, Les Goates.

S. F. Stake's Youth Center Publicized by Dean Maddox, Radio's 'Sidewalk Reporter'

Dean Maddox, widely known "Sidewalk Reporter" and amateur hours master of ceremonies, interviewed Wells Wilkinson of S.F. Stake, January 15, on the noon-hour "Sidewalk Reporter" radio program over KFRC in San Francisco. The subject was the stake's Centennial Youth Center Thursday evening, February 11, at the Orpheum Theatre, San Francisco.

Wells Wilkerson's hare-lip—he's 220 pounds and six feet two—intrigued Mr. Maddox at first. Later, when he came to understand that a Mormon Cinerama Benefit was to be held for erecting a gymnasium and recreation center for youth, Dean paid a tribute to the Latter-day Saints, and added that Cinerama to him was the most amazing show he had ever seen in the movies. "You'll be sorry if you miss it," he concluded.

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Genealogy--- Ways and Means

By Mary Lou Harline

We hope to list family organizations and names of persons in our area interested in contacting other members of their family. Here is the first one—the Woodard-Smith-Hawkins Association: Pres. Dale Hawkins, 7014 N. Omaha Ave., Portland 17, Oregon; Secretary Echo May Hawkins, 2455 Clement Street, San Francisco 21, Calif.

To add your name or to ask questions for this column, write Mary Lou Harline, 1721 Poplar Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif.

Have you tried getting copies of birth, death or marriage certificates to add to your store of genealogical information. Although only 16 states required birth and death registration before 1900 (and Georgia and New Mexico waited until 1919) there are often records available in county sources before the state required registration, and in several states these have been collected into central depositories.

Your grandfather's or great-grandfather's birth may not come under the registration law, but his death may, or his marriage. A complete death certificate should give date and place of birth, parent's names and other valuable genealogical information. A certified copy costs $.50 or $1.00 depending on the state and adds authority in the form of documen-

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Hawaiian Temple Area Model City Development Being Master Planned

Harold Burton, experienced LDS architect of many major church edifices, reported January 16 that plans for a model city development in the environs of the Hawaiian Temple are now at the drawing board stage.

Architect Burton had returned from a two months assignment as consultant architect for the large subdivision project on lands owned by the Church contingent to the Island Temple. The Berkeley Stake presidency held conferences with the architect regarding plans under way for Church structure in that state; a stake tabernacle, chapels for Berkeley Second and East Richmond Ward.

During conversations, Elder Burton revealed that a new city is proposed in Hawaii, in which the Temple would be the focal point. A wide sweeping landscaped esplanade leading from the Hawaiian Temple to the ocean nearby, is one feature of the over-all plan.

Stake Conference Schedules Set For San Francisco Bay Region Covering Complete Current Year

Stakes	1954 Dates	1954 Dates	1954 Dates	1954 Dates
San Fran.	Jan. 9-10	Mar. 20-21	June 5-6	Oct. 9-10
Santa Rosa	Feb. 6-7	Apr. 24-25	Aug. 21-22	Nov. 6-7
Berkeley	Feb. 13-14	May 1-2	Aug. 28-29	Nov. 13-14
San Jose	Feb. 13-14	May 1-2	Aug. 28-29	Nov. 13-14
Oakland	Feb. 20-21	May 8-9	Sept. 4-5	Nov. 20-21
Palo Alto	Feb. 27-28	May 15-16	Sept. 11-12	Nov. 27-28

Important Notice To Members of Berkeley Stake

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that solicitors for a cemetery association are either intentionally or otherwise conveying the impression that the Berkeley Stake Presidency have approved the establishment of an exclusive plot for use of Church members in the cemetery for which they are soliciting.

This is not true. The project is a private venture. As such, and inasfar as it is legitimate, the Church has no objection to it. But neither the Church nor the Berkeley Stake Presidency have officially approved or disapproved the particular project.

We do, however, disapprove the use of the Church or any official position in the Church to influence people for private gain.

Bishops are cautioned about supplying names or endorsements to commercial projects. Persons who may be interested in purchasing cemetery plots should understand that what they do is on their own responsibility and risk.

Berkeley Stake Presidency
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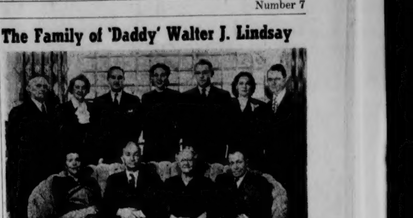
The Family of 'Daddy' Walter J. Lindsay



THE FAMILY OF "DADDY" WALTER J. LINDSAY—Of these twelve children of "Daddy" Walter J. Lindsay, six are of the first family: Adelaide Bronson, mother; six in the second family, Martha Anne Thompson, mother.

A brief word regarding the persons in the picture is presented in order left to right, standing: Boyd C. filled a mission to the Southern States, is a contractor, 3 children; Maude L. president of Baldwin Primary, singer, 3 children; Ray W. filled mission to the Southern States, formerly in presidency S. F. Stake, a high councilor, contractor, 3 children; La Perle T., Sunset Relief Society president, Palo Alto Stake M.I.A., 3 children; Claude T., filled mission to Southern States, bishopric Sunset Ward, large scale contractor, 2 children; Lois K., Sunset Relief Society president, Fruitvale Ward, 3 children; Eldon T., filled mission in England, active in Church, 3 children.

Seated, left to right: Marian L. Hobson, Sunset Relief Society president, and Stake R. S. Stake board, music service; Walter J. "Daddy" (see separate sketch of his life), last Church position was S. F. Stake Patriarch; Martha Anne T., wonderful mother of own and other wife's family, regular in various Church duties and callings, 6 children; Clyde W., mission in Germany, in presidency S. F. Stake, Branch President, San Jose and Centerville, Mission, S. S. Supt. Hayward, sub-division contractor, 5 children.

Martha Anne Thompson Lindsay, surviving wife of late Walter J. Lindsay, lovingly called "Aunt Annie" by first family, was born in Scipio, Utah, and was a cousin of the first wife. Walter J. Lindsay, lovingly called "Daddy," was born in Grantsville, Utah, and died in San Francisco, January 4, 1954, aged 90, has 24 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

Life Story of Patriarch Lindsay Revealed in New Compilation

Retold from biography, "DADDY LINDSAY"

"Daddy Lindsay" is the title of a currently produced story of the adventurous early ranching life of San Francisco's late Patriarch Walter J. Lindsay, 90, sire of a posterity numbering more than 80. Clyde W. Lindsay, eldest son, is the author of the unusual biography.

Born in Grantsville, Utah, in 1863 of covered-wagon pioneers, "Daddy Lindsay" was a cowboy never to see his father. The babe was born after his father had left Grantsville for Missouri by wagon to purchase more cattle for his own store. The father may have been killed by robbers. He was never heard of again.

Starting at age 18 as a homesteader of 40 acres in Cache County, Utah, W. J. Lindsay went on to prosper thru his native aptitude and by hard labor and thrift until by 1913, at age 50, he was head of the Lindsay Land and Livestock Company, with land and stock valued at $1,500,000.

This vast empire comprised six huge ranches, three great feed yards, a saw mill, timber lands, and an Ogden meat market. The ranch holdings totaling over 76,700 acres included property in Weber, Boxelder and Cache Counties, Utah. Stock included 5,000 range cattle, 6,000 hogs, and 300 horses besides 22 bands of range sheep.

STORMY YEARS AHEAD

A severe depression, striking after the first World War, hit the livestock business severe blows. Bank calls, debts, usually easily paid promptly liquidated, now became like stones about the neck and dragged the Lindsay Company into bankruptcy. By 1921 when "Daddy" was but 58 he lost control of the vast landed empire his brain and brawn had founded.

He was stripped of every vestage of land with the improvements he had financed: fences, canals,

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Advertisers, Getting Ready For Service-Type Ads In May Messenger

The May Messenger will feature **service-type advertisement** for a little variation.

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February Birthday Month For Penny Contributions Aid Children's Hospital

February is celebrated as birthday month for the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Throughout the Church everyone (regardless of age) has an opportunity to contribute pennies for the building and maintenance of this wonderful institution. It is dedicated exclusively to the rehabilitation, care, and education of sick and crippled children under 12, regardless of race, color or creed.

Contributions traditionally equal one penny for each year of life. The surgeons, pediatricians, plastic surgeons, and numerous specialists donate much time free to this hospital.

OAKLAND STAKE NEWS

Anaronic Priesthood Under 21

Oakland Stake's Aaronic priesthood banquet, December 29, at Hayward, served as a token of felicitation for the excellent work of our boys and their leaders.

Approximately 350 fathers and sons banqueted together with the various quorum advisers and secretaries.

The tasty dinner was served by the bishoric and branch presidents. A magician, and sport-events movies added to the pleasant affair. Plans look forward to a similar gathering at the close of 1954. Arranged by Earl M. Phillips, committee secretary.

DON. L VAN NOY

Oakland Stake Meeting Calendar

FEBRUARY, 1954

Sunday, Feb. 14—Stake High Priest-Seventy Quorum Meeting . . . 1:30 p.m. San Leandro Ward

Sunday, Feb. 14—Stake Priesthood Leadership with Auxiliary Executive Boards, 2:15 p.m. San Leandro Ward

Monday, Feb. 15—Welfare Meet. with Stake Presidency Oakland Ward

Thursday, Feb. 18—MIA Stake Leadership Oakland 2nd Ward

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 20-21—Stake Quarterly Conference:
Sun. Morning and Afternoon Sessions Scottish Rite Aud.
Sat. and Sun. Evening Meetings Oakland Ward

Don Van Noy Leaves Oakland For Mission Field

A farewell testimonial was given Sunday, January 30, in the Oakland Third Ward Chapel to honor Don L. Van Noy, son of Bishop and Mrs. Herbert A. Van Noy, who leaves to fill a full time Church mission to the Netherlands.

After spending January 20 to 27 at the Mission Home in Salt Lake City he returned for the farewell party on the 30th and to spend a few days before leaving with other elders for New York where they will embark for Holland.

Released recently from a stake mission, Don has served the local Church organization for many years as stake president of the M Men, as a member of the Mormon Male Chorus and in other ways.

He is a graduate of Oakland High, and an Air R.O.T.C. member, receiving training at Castle Air Base last summer. At the S. F. Stake College Don was active in the dramatic and entertainment radio and TV fields. While at the BYU he served as announcer after school hours for the Provo station KEYY.

Oakland Second Ward

Ward Members Enjoy Newly Decorated Chapel

The members of Oakland Second Ward have been enjoying their newly decorated chapel. It has been repainted a very light rose. We all extend our thanks to Bill Costner who refinished the wood work and pulpit in a very attractive way. Thanks also to all the fellows who spent many long evenings painting and working.

Recently Oakland Second Ward sustained J. Melvin James as second counselor to Bishop Truman Nethercutt. Congratulations, Brother James, in your new assignment. The entire membership extend their love and gratitude to Brother Leigh Waddell who was released because of his health.

Was It a Hint That Oakland Temple On Way

Reports came to the East Bay recently which gave at least a slight indication that the Authorities may have in mind an Oakland Temple in the not too distant future.

A member of the Church Building Committee is reported to have spoken suggestively to a member of one of our East Bay stake presidencies during the last December corner-stone laying ceermonies in Los Angeles.

Discussing the current Church activity in temple building plans in England (expected to begin this year) and Switzerland, besides the Oakland Temple, the words reportedly spoken regarding the Oakland Temple were: "We're coming to your area very soon."

Oakland Stake Golden Gleaners Elect New Officers

By Jane P. Lauper

The Oakland Stake Golden Gleaners met at the home of outgoing president, Vivian Nicolaysen, on Monday, January 4th. A charter and rules of procedure were adopted. The following Gleaners were elected:

Angeline Hancock (Castro Valley), president; Marjorie Hawkins (Fourth), vice-president; Ruth Johnston (San Leandro), secretary-treasurer; Jane Lauper, (Fourth), historian-reporter; Violet Fontano (San Leandro), program chairman and her two committee members, Vernell LeCheminant (Third) and Shirley Troub (Fourth). Estherella Olszowka (Oakland) was appointed choral director.

"This is the first Golden Gleaner organization of its kind in the entire Church," says Sister Beatrice Larsen, of the Oakland Stake Y.M.M.I.A. Board, honorary Golden Gleaner, and member of the group. She has expressed her joy that more than thirty-five Golden Gleaners have become affiliated with the Oakland Stake.

The retiring Golden Gleaners who served with Vivian Nicolaysen in 1953 were: Lee Ashby, Norma Williams, Ruth Bigler, Gerry Larsen, and committee members, Beatrice Larsen, Winnie Martin, and Barbara Adams.

First Presidency Explains Church And Jr. Colleges

Regarding the proposed acceptance by the Church of three Utah junior colleges as provided last December by the Utah Legislature, the First Presidency issued a signed explanatory statement January 8, 1954. It stated:

"In the early 1930's the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints transferred to the State of Utah, Dixie College, Snow College, and Weber College. The deeds in each instance provided that in the event the particular college was not maintained as a junior college by the State it would revert to the Church.

"If the Legislature now decides no longer to operate these three colleges, the Church will again take title to them and operate them as a part of its education system."

The foregoing statement sets out the present position and intention of the Church in reference to this matter.

REFERENDUM PROPOSED

Petitions are being circulated, in Utah, at the present time proposing to reinstate these three colleges as part of the state school system. Hence the final disposition of the matter must await the next election unless a special election is held before the fall.

Wheelwrights Slide Lecture To Bay Groups

A number of Sunday evening groups in the San Francisco and Palo Alto stakes have heard the illustrated lecture on "Music & Art in Europe," given by Bro. and Sr. D. Sterling Wheelwright, 632 Guadalupe Ave., Millbrae. This entertainment is based on the movies and several hundred colored slides which the tour leaders brought back from their summer abroad.

Music, Art Tour by Dr. Wheelwright Dated for July

Music lovers — amateurs, students, teachers—will again combine the "Music and Art Tour of Europe" this summer, led by Dr. and Mrs. D. Sterling Wheelwright of Burlingame Ward. Last year's jaunt included twenty from the Bay Area.

Flying from New York, July 9 for Paris, the tour will visit Nice on the Riviera, Rome, and visit eight countries by private motor coach.

Sundays are planned in the churches and missions of Paris, Rome, Venice, Lucerne, Amsterdam, and Edinburgh. Visits to new LDS Temple sites and opportunities for members of the Church to make or renew acquaintances are provided thru liberal unscheduled time in larger cities.

Enjoyment of major festivals in Salzburg, Bayreuth, and Edinburgh, are highlights of the tour, of course.

Dr. Wheelwright is associate professor of music and humanities at San Francisco State College. Six units of credit may be earned. The party is filling rapidly.

Dr. Wheelwright will send an illustrated brochure of the tour. Address S.F.S.C., 1600 Holloway Ave., S.F., 27. Call.

Relief Society Again Wins High Church-Wide Honors

The Oakland Stake Relief Society has again carried off Church-wide honors for the second consecutive year for its high percentage of subscribers to the Relief Society Magazine.

A total of over 100 per cent subscription were secured in the stake for the second time. This achievement again placed the local stake society among the top leading stakes of the Church, the actual number of Oakland stake subscribers being over 900.

Stake Ward Teaching Leads

Oakland Stake ward teaching records in November teaching stake high among the first 25 leading stakes in the Church for ward teaching. Dennis Lauper's efforts at last bore fruit.

Relief Society Dance

The Stake Relief Society will become hosts to all adult members of the stake in a dancing party March 19, in the Alameda Recreation hall.

This party represents the annual celebration of the birthday of the Society, an event which comes each year on March 17. The dancing party is therefore entitled "Founder's Day Dance." Everybody out!

Oakland Fifth

Marlyn Pyne Made Vice President Piedmont High

Miss Marilyn Pyne of Oakland Ward, daughter of the Tom Pynes, has been honored by election to the office of student body vice-president for the new school term.

Oakland Stake Conference

Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21

Sessions: Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Welfare; 8:00 p.m., General. Priesthood. Sunday 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Scottish Rite Auditorium. Sunday Evening Sessions, 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun. meetings in Oakland Ward chapel.

GREAT M.I.A. EVENTS COMING: Sweetheart Ball, Richmond; Rose Prom, Road Show

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Make the SWEETHEART BALL a must on your calendar. Plans point to a lovely party . . . excellent music . . . at the Richmond Auditorium, Friday, February 12th.

Explorers and MIA Maids! Your ROSE PROM plans sound terrific. Talk "Prom" among your friends and let's fill the Alameda Recreation Hall, Saturday, February 20.

The Teen Gold and Green Party held Saturday, January 16th, was a splendid success despite the weather. The many Boy Scouts and Bee Hive Girls who attended had fun and food, both in abundance. Many thanks to Myrtle Saar, Marguerite Miller and Veri Bennett who planned the evening with the capable assistance of Gladys Markham, Dance Manager, and the Douglas Swansons. Bigger and better than ever will be the 1954 road show. Don't forget the date, February 6 . . . Fremont High School . . . 7:45 o'clock

Combining Speech and Music, an outstanding evening is underway for your enjoyment, March 6th at Fremond High School. This is something new. Your ward will participate, so give them your support.

Do you like basketball? Your team needs that cheer. Make it a point to see your ward in action, Monday nights, at the Elmhurst Junior High School, 9600-98th Avenue.

We don't have to remind M men and glamorettes of their week beginning March 9th. We know they are looking forward to another week of activity and friendship.

Two New Converts Welcomed Into Ward

By Verla Sandstrom

Two new converts were welcomed into a ward during the past months. Rosetta Stone came here from England, a few months ago, to make her home with her son's family. Another new convert is Barbara Allphin, wife of Lawrence, and a sister-in-law to Violet Fontano.

Alice Brennan, secretary in the YWMIA is recovering from an operation on her foot during the New Year holidays.

Proud grandparents Myrtle and Allan Davidson, Sr., have been showing pictures of Robin Aline who was born to Allan and Donna Davidson, in Tokyo. Allan, serving with the navy, is stationed in Japan.

Joy Winters Marries

Joy R. Winters, stake missionary, was married December 28 to Eugene Fallantine of Salt Lake City. A reception in their honor was held in the San Leandro ward recreation hall January 2. Joy is the daughter of Glenn and Rose Winter. Eugene is a returned missionary from Sweden, and the brother of Glenn Fallantine, the newlyweds left after the reception for the east where Eugene is stationed with the army.

Bill Jackson, attending the BYU, spent Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gifford Jackson.

Bishop Webster asks that we keep in mind that the time for our ward birthday dinner party will soon be here. Plans are under way so that we may all celebrate together.

LIVERMORE

Cyrus Napper Family Welcomed by Branch; Also Tiny Jerry Lee

By Della McLaughlin

We are very happy to welcome the Cyrus Napper family from Ogden, Utah into our branch. Our welcome also goes to Jerry Lee, the brand new son of Louise and Everett Berensen. He put in an appearance at 8 lbs. and 4 ozs. on Jan. 11.

We wish every success to Bar Dee Olsen as Relief Society President. She is replacing Doris Sturgeon, who has been ill. We thank Sister Sturgeon and her two counselors for their fine work in this organization. Sister Olsen does not have her counselors as yet.

Whatever the past year has meant to you make it dead history, but let the New Year be a living issue. With a big fresh sponge, dripping with the clear water of forgiveness, wipe clean the slate of your heart.

Centerville Branch

James Robertson Called to Funeral Of Father in Utah

James Robertson was called to Spanish Fork, to the funeral service of his father, David Robertson, 94.

La Vern Robertson accompanied her husband; they brought back La Vern's mother and father, Marinus and Katie Johnson, from Salt Lake for a short visit.

Bobby Hunt is back at school after his very serious accident. Bobby's cousin is slowly improving.

Bro. and Sister Fred Eaton have been ill since November. Ray and Cecil Truscott have also been ill.

A hearty welcome to the Richard Fosters of 285 Cabrillo Dr., Centerville; the David Thomas family, 419 Lemarc, Mission San Jose; the Tanner family, 2637 Wilma, Newark; the Burris's, 346 Cacrillo St., Mission San Jose; and the Petersen family, 733 Jennefer, Newark.

"Are Prayers Answered as Frequently To-day as They Were In the Early Days of the Church?"

This was the subject of an excellent talk given last Sunday night by Russell Robertson, a Lieutenant and Chaplain stationed at Fort Ord. He gave several examples where direct answer to prayer had assisted missionaries in conversions; one where a whole family was converted, after he and his companion had worked weeks in a town in England, and were about to leave, because people would not accept their message. They fasted and prayed and were led to a house where the lady was in deep sorrow. She had been told her twin boy would be crippled because it had passed away without baptism. They were able to give her the hope and assurance through many visits baptized the family.

Branch Building Project

Progress on the Centerville Branch building project: seven members have formed a non-profit corporation to build homes surrounding the property, set aside for the church site. These homes are to be valued around fourteen thousand dollars. The members are buying this property from the church. This will help the building fund. The corporation members are:

President, C. W. Lindsay; vice-president, Ray Truscott; treasurer, J. Earl Green; chairman of finances, Dan Bodily; construction, Dan Bodily, James Campbell.

Work on this building plan will go forward very soon.

Young people home for the holidays were: Murna Green, school teacher in San Jose; Bill Silver from Fort Ord, and Kenneth Lindsay, student at the University of Utah.

Messenger Slogan

I will include our LDS business in the circle of my day to day shopping, even tho it requires going a little out of my way. I believe it's brotherhood in action.

Sac. State College L.D.S. Band Director Goes East to Meet

Norman J. Hunt, director of bands at the California State College at Sacramento, and former director of Brigham Young University bands, has been chosen one of a group of seven to attend a special meeting in Elkhart, Indiana.

A published authority in the field of brass instruments, he will confer with college band directors and research engineers on problems of tone production and techniques. The session will be held at the laboratories in Elkhart of the C. G. Conn Company, manufacturers of band instruments.

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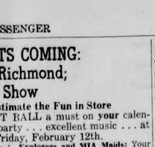
Localites Hear Tabernacle Choir In Las Vegas

Reports from several Bay Area music lovers praise the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir for its mid December appearance in Las Vegas.

The world-famed Salt Lake choir packed the Las Vegas High School auditorium Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28, in three concerts for the benefit of a youth center building sponsored by the Moapa Stake.

The 275 choir members made the ride Sunday by special U.P. train, arriving at 8:30 p.m. in the desert city, and returning Tuesday night so as to be home in Salt Lake Wednesday morning.



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SAN FRANCISCO STAKE NEWS

Recreation Center Cinerama Benefit Highlighted by Personal Appearance J. Spencer Cornwall of Salt Lake City

J. Spencer Cornwall, famed conductor of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, will appear personally at the Orpheum Theatre at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 11, for the Recreation Center Benefit sponsored by the San Francisco Stake. Brother Cornwall will conduct 150-200 voices composing the ward choirs in the stake, combined to sing a group of outstanding numbers as an added feature to the exclusive LDS showing of "This is Cinerama."

This tremendous benefit is primarily to raise funds for the erection of a gymnasium and recreation center. All the same time Cinerama will provide members with the finest entertainment available today, through the spectacular medium of dimensional pictures and music.

Edward L. Howard, chairman of the LDS Gymnasium Committee, reports that tickets can still be obtained through the bishops of the wards.

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STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The record attendance at the quarterly conference of the San Francisco Stake, January 9-10, was indicative of the spiritual greatness of High Priest Apostle Appointed assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles, who presided, and Dr. Roy Wirthlin, representing the General Church Welfare Committee. President Lauper reported the progress of the stake during the past year.

Brother Brown, formerly bishop, stake president twice president of the British Mission, co-ordinator for LDS servicemen during World War II, practicing lawyer both in Canada and the United States—declared that we are governed by order and the law of God. He told of the beauties and miracles of the universe —based again upon order, evolving constant chaos—and logically he explained the truth of the beliefs and principles of our Church. His defense of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the restoration of the Church was a thrilling testimony.

Brother Wirthlin, speaking on behalf of the Church Welfare, added the message that thanksgivings are awarded those who follow the council of the Church. Invited to bear their testimonies at the evening session were Chaplains Mortenson and Parsons.

Special visitors at the conference were President Alwyn C. Sessions of Fresno Stake, who spoke humbly and admiringly of Elders Brown and Wirthlin, and President W. Aird McDonald, formerly president of San Francisco Stake.

Music was furnished by soloist Lee Sanders, the choirs of Sunset Ward under Jean Lauper's direction and Mission Ward under Charles Hilder.

Monday morning following conference Brother Brown visited Fort Ord, where he addressed about 1,000 LDS servicemen.

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STAKE COURT OF HONOR

The annual Stake Court of Honor, awarding the Eagle Scout their advancement during the year, will be held February 5, according to Edward L. Howell, Chairman of the LDS Committee for Scouts. For the first time the Court of Honor will include the graduations ceremonies of the Guide Scouts into MIA and the introduction of the new Lion Cub pack. A cup will be awarded to the troup with the largest audience attendance. Following the Court of Honor there will be a sports exhibit by the scouts. Arrangements are under the direction of the Stake Scout Committee—the only such committee in the church—consisting of Chairman Howell, Max McGregor, Primary chairman; Warren Davis of the Aaronic Priesthood Committee; board members for Cubs and Guides, MIA board members for Scouts and Explorers, and all institutional representatives.

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MIA

San Francisco Stake appropriately bid adieu to the Old Year and merrily welcomed in the New. General arrangements were under MIA activity counselors Wells, Wilkinson and Boyd, with assistance from Men-Gleaner supervisors, Dick Lambert and Lyle Rasmussen, and Y. M.-Men and Gleaner supervisors, Lou Stone and Annis Mellum.

Marilyn Larkin, stake speech director, has announced the Stake Speech Festival for February 20. The folklore of San Francisco will be told in story, song, music and dance.

MIA Maids and Explorers are making plans for the Rose Prom. In the ing plans for the Rose Prom, February 27. Ward committees, Emily Trottier and Afton Jensen, selSnow" for the ball. Unusual decorations, floor show, and other entertainment will be arranged. This event will be sponsored by Explorers and MIA Maids for their friends, with Jr. M-Men and Jr. Gleaners invited as special guests.

January 23 will be the evening of the annual stake Gold and Green Ball. The ballroom was transformed into an underwater paradise by the Decorations Committee under Marilyn Larkin's direction. Green lights, seaweed and old debutantes were specially honored and presented with Jr. Gleaner silver bracelet and chain.

Committee chairmen included Merle Morris, Afton Jensen, Elayne Reid, Wells Wilkinson, Shirley Little and Dick Maurer.

The following evening the Teen Gold and Green Party Beehive Girls and Scouts was held with special entertainment for the participants. Alice Chamberlain, stake Beehive Supervisor, was assisted by Marilyn Milligan.

The YMMIA Board proudly welcomes Mrs. Shirley Little as the Young Women's Stake Dance Director.

YWMIA representatives of six Bay Area stakes met in San Francisco, January 10, to discuss arrangements for a Camping Institute scheduled for March. Plans were formulated to train stake and ward camp directors and counselors in preparation for summer camping activities. Those in attendance were Verna Jackson, Frieda Hall, and Rhea Gustavason of Oakland Stake; Noami Manwaring of Palo Alto Stake; Ruth Bentley, Alma Dean Feller, and Mickey Olson of Berkeley Stake; and Marion Nelson and Afton Jensen of San Francisco Stake.

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STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Two new Junior Sunday School advisors have been added to the rapidly growing board: Bentley Grow of Balboa Ward, and Joy Hulme of Mission Ward.

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STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY

The Stake Relief Society will be hostess to all the women in the stake at their annual party on February 5. Highlight of the decorations will be a beautifully appointed table of Dresden China. Sister Jack Quisly which will illustrate the theme of the social, the development of culture and the appreciation and love for beauty.

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STAKE PRIMARY

A successful Primary Preparation Meeting was held January 18 with Sister Kirkham conducting.

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Sister Ann Barton left Saturday, January 16, for a month's visit in Salt Lake City with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Ericksen.

Seventy's Quorum present check of nearly $700 to San Francisco Stake President Serge J. Lauper for the Stake's Farm-Purchase Fund.

The five persons at the left in the pictures shown above are Seventy quorum presidents. Included are Floyd E. Beattie, Frank J. Hess, Wells B. Wilkinson, George W. Tolley and William F. Starkley.

At the right are Stake President Lauper, Counselors Somers and Murray, and Stake Clerk Stettler.

San Francisco Stake Meet Calendar

FOR FEBRUARY, 1954

2 Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.—Stake Welfare Committee meeting.
4 Thursday, 7:00 p.m.—Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee.
4 Thursday, 8:00 p.m.—Stake Aaronic Pr. Committee.
4 Thursday, 8:00 p.m.—Stake Presidency and High Council.
6 Saturday, 6:30 p.m.—Baptismal Service at Stake House.
7 Sunday, —Fast Sunday.
9 Monday, 8:30 p.m.—Bishops' Council.
9 Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.—Stake Presidency meeting.
14 Sunday, 2:30 p.m.—Welfare meeting for Stake & Ward workers.
15 Monday, 7:45 p.m.—Monthly Stake Priesthood Meeting.
16 Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.—Stake Presidency meeting.
18 Thursday, 7:00 p.m.—Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee.
18 Thursday, 7:45 p.m.—Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake & High Council.
22 Monday, 7:30 p.m.—Stake M.I.A. Leadership meeting.
23 Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.—Stake Presidency meeting.
28 Sunday —High Council visits to wards.

BALBOA WARD

New Bishop Sends Message to Ward

By Mabel G. Simister

Bishop Willard Barton and counselors send New Year greetings to the saints of Balboa Ward in the following message: "As a new bishopric we naturally look to the future with a great deal of optimism and hope. Yet, with all our optimism there is still a need for strength and power from a source outside of ourselves. This much needed help will come from two main sources. Since no venture of any magnitude can be accomplished in this work without divine inspiration and sanction, we sincerely seek the necessary communications between us and our Eternal Father. Through the humility and prayers of all we will receive that which is necessary to make our work prosper and grow.

But even though we receive a full measure of help from our Father, yet we know the desired results cannot be obtained without the unselfish efforts of every member of the ward.

At one time the Saviour in reading the thoughts of the Pharisees said, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation: and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." We sincerely desire that our house may not be divided and that our portion of the kingdom might be united in building spiritually within the individual and in building a new House of Worship."

Primary President, Sister Ethel Salin, reported her board members: Maureen Guyman, Myrtle Thomas, Carma Anderson and Rosalie Ballif. Five officers of primary children thoroughly enjoyed themselves caroling at Christmas time for the Relief Society. Sister Lillian Allen gives us news that Sister Grace Gordon was recently sustained in her place. Brother Raymond Christensen has been installed by Social Science Leader Marie Henderstedt, to present the lesson January 27th.

A party for the retiring bishop was held privately at the home of the Bert Hansens given by associates of the bishopric.

Our sympathy is extended to Sister Marie Davis Russel of the stake Primary, on the passing of her mother, May Lemmon Davis of Salt Lake City.

The Children's Primary Hospital Drive has a healthy start again this year. Everyone's continued cooperation in the Penny Appeal will be appreciated.

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PERSONALS

President Serge J. Lauper visited Balboa Ward's sacrament meeting on January 24 to congratulate the ward publicly for having 95% of their homes visited by ward teachers, the highest record in the stake for many months.

Evans Ray, assistant stake clerk, and his wife welcomed the arrival of a new son on January 2; name, Joseph Richard.

Lucille Blake, Sunset Ward, was invited by the Southern California Bible College to be guest organist at their special rendition of Handel's "Messiah" at Bakersfield on November 29.

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San Francisco Ward

Viola Armond Goes To Atlantic States Mission

Sister Viola Armond has been called to the Central Atlantic States mission field. Her farewell was held January 24th. Others laboring in that mission from San Francisco Ward are: President and Sister C. W. Walter and Nina Walker.

Welcome to our new members, Robert Dinning, Sherman Draper, Josephine Hoffman, Martha Madsen, Leannah Mathews, Edith Johanson, Robert D. Percy, Dolores and Donald Lowndes,' James L. Sanders, Nancy R. Skousen, and Miles Reynalds.

Robert S. Henry was baptized and confirmed recently.

Babies blessed in our last testimony meeting were: Mark Sterling Davis, son of Donald and Betty Davis; Gail Ilene Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barton; Michel Dagny Ragan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennyf. Ragan; Lisa Lynn Tye Rasmussen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasmusen.

Fred Clawson, who has been away at school for the past few years is with us again. He is in the Army and is stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Society

A large group attended a very successful Ward Bowling party Saturday, Jan. 16th. A dance was held and refreshments were served afterwards.

Our basketball team won the championship tournament by defeating Sunset War, 42 to 46 in a close game, Jan. 13th. Our next game will be in the inter-stake play-offs.

The ward Sweetheart Ball is scheduled for February in the recreation hall.

Dieniece Pieper and Alton Alexander Jr. were married January 21st in the Idaho Falls Temple.

MISSION WARD

Morris Parker Called to Spanish American Mission

By MABEL B. LIDDELL

Morris Parker, son of Gladys Parker, who has been attending Brigham Young University has been called to the Spanish American Mission. He will report to the Mission home in Salt Lake City on February 3rd. His farewell testimonial was held in the Mission Ward, Sunday evening, January 24th. Brother Parker is second missionary. Elder Eliga Tuilesu is now serving in the Samoan Mission.

New in the Sunday School organization are Gary Nalder, Alice Chamberlain, Dr. Russell Hume, Gaurdello Hunter, and Sonja Swenson. Released with a vote of appreciation: Raye Lowe, Max Hunter, Ruth Duane, and Marcus Bitter.

Eva Seader, teacher in the Primary, has had to ask for a temporary release because of the illness of her son, Jimmy. Norma Downs has recently been sustained as a teacher.

Kenneth Harper is taking his basic training in the United States Marine Corps, near San Diego.

Bill Stolenburg writes from Coburg, Germany that he is well and has finally received a more or less permanent assignment. He enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner but was unable to celebrate with the true Christmas spirit because they are stationed so near the Russian Zone. He sends his greetings to all of his friends in the ward.

Bishop's Message

In the first ward officer' meeting of the year, 1954, the bishopric were thrilled at the splendid feeling that exists.

We appeal to the members that they willingly respond to appeals made by their leaders for activity. If you will do this we know that your lives will be greatly enriched because we have seen it so at all times in the lives of others. By all means, do not deny yourselves and your families the blessings that are yours if you will but

God's Day and Mine

There are two days in the week about which I never worry. Two of these days is Yesterday. Yesterday, with all its cars and frets and Golden Days, kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension. One disappointments, with all its pains and sorrows has passed forever beyond the power of my control, beyond the reach of my recall. I cannot undo an act that I wrought; I cannot recall a word that I said; I cannot calm a storm that raged on Yesterday. All that it holds of my life, of regret or sorrow, or wrong is in the hands of the Mighty Love that can bring all out of the rock and sweet waters out of the bitter desert — the Love that can make the wrong things right, and turn mourning into laughter. Save for the beautiful memories, sweet and tender, that linger like the perfume of dried roses in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with Yesterday. It was mine; it is God's.

And the other day I do not worry over is Tomorrow. Tomorrow with all its possible cares, its burdens, its sorrows, its perils, its boastful promises and poor performings, its good intentions and its bitter mistakes, is as far beyond my reach of mastership as its dead sister, Yesterday. Its sun may rise in roseate splendor, or behind a mass of weeping clouds. But it will rise. And it will be God's Day. It is God's Day. It will be mine, Save for the Star of Hope that gleams forever on its brow, shining with tender promise into the heart of my life, I have no possession of Tomorrow. All else is in the safe keeping of the same infinite Love that holds the treasures of Yesterday. All that Tomorrow has for me I can trust to the Love that is wider than the skies, deeper than the seas, higher than the stars.

There is left for myself, then, nothing but Today. And any man can fight the battle of Today. Any man can carry the burdens of just one day. Any man can resist Today's temptations. This is the strength that makes the way of my pilgrimage joyous. I think and I do, and I journey, but not one day at a time. That is the Human Day. And while I do that, God the Almighty and the All-Loving, takes care of Yesterday and Tomorrow, which I never could do." — Robert Jones Burdette in National Magazine.

Contributed by Leo T. Muir, LDS Author.

Balboa Second Ward

'Stardust Ball,' Beautiful Success

By Ruth Challis

The Balboa Second Ward M.I.A. sponsored a dance, "The Stardust Ball," Jan. 15. The hall and stage were beautifully decorated. Everyone enjoyed the lovely music that was furnished by Jerry Mugarian and Nancy Smith was fine.

The Friendship group went Christmas caroling Dec. 20th; afterwards to the home of Bishop Bowden for refreshments.

Thanks to all the Primary children who took part in the Christmas program held Dec. 23rd. Sister Edna Breckon's Blazer Boys met with Bro. Hugh B. Brown and Bro. Wirthlin at stake conference. The boys filled 7½ one of their awards in spirituality. Keep the order and will of God in their hearts.

Elected: Steven Ray Williams, son of Ray and Beverly Williams, Deacons Quorum. Oral Taylor, an Elder.

Sustained: Hal Abegg, advisor; teachers under 21; Patricia O'Brien, Sunday school librarian; Robert Mouritsen and Frank Jensen, Sunday school teachers; Joyce Constance, secretary 8as; Jerry Mugarian, secretary MIA.

Bishop's Message: In these days of trial when the results of the labors of Satan are becoming more prevalent we should remember these words of the Lord as given to Joseph Smith: "And how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth!

"Wherefore, you are called to cry repentance unto this people. "And if it be not given you to labor all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be

President McKay's Visit To Southern Hemisphere

Two features of President David O. McKay's recent ministry to the people of the Southern Hemisphere seems noteworthy.

Editorial

First the personality of the president. At age 80, he, with his wife, are physically and mentally equal to the strenuous ordeal. True, modern airplane travel makes long distances into relatively short trips. In a few days he was wafted from Salt Lake City, to England; in another few days he was carried on air from London to South Africa; while in two days more he was lifted from South Africa to Brazil. Then on to Uruguay, to Chili, and Mexico.

Yet, it takes unusual stamina and vitality to follow the close and busy schedule the president set for himself for the three weeks time consumed. President and Mrs. McKay are delightful specimens of vigorous, healthful man and womanhood. Clean living, high thinking, constant, happy activity are indicated and demonstrated.

Second. The scope of the ministry. Never before has a President of the Church covered such great distances; never before has a President before visited the Southern Hemisphere; the great continents of Africa, and South America. President McKay has not only instituted Temple building in Great Britain and on the European continent, but now he leads other Church presidents in entering a new hemisphere of the earth.

Such expansionof the ministry of a President of the Church stirs the mind and sends a thrill of expectancy into the heart. Recalled are the ancient words: "He shall mount up in the imagination of his heart as upon eagles wings."

In singular similarity to familiar scripture, we now behold the President of the High Priesthood of the Church flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell upon the earth, and to every nation, tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice,

"Fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come and worship him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water."

Keep Till Next Xmas

Little Girl is Taught Santa Claus Immortal

Six year old Marie Adams heard some of her elders discussing a news item which told of the death, in a wreck, of a man who was playing Santa Claus. This news of the death of Santa Claus was heart-breaking to the little girl. Explanations by her parents were not wholly satisfying. She asked her mother to see the editor of the paper and learn if the news were true. He wrote:

Opal Marie may banish all her fears, for Santa Claus still lives. The man who was killed in the wreck was but one of those hundreds of thousands of mortal aides to Santa Claus who bring joy to children, and to men and women all over the world. Because these people live their unselfish lives in such close communion with Santa Claus they are selected by him as his assistants. The messages they bring to us come direct from him. Their lives are a constant reassurance to us that there is a Santa Claus, and our wavering faith is strengthened.

But these aides are mortal. They lose their purposeful lives and pass on. Santa Claus we know to be immortal. He has lived through all the ages and the breath of civilization touched savagery; he will live through all the ages yet to come.

No, Opal Marie, the Santa Claus you love was not killed in the wreck. There is no disaster so great but that he can and will survive it. All through the horrors and sorrows of the world he will go on here to stay. He will live through all time. Your mother is right. Santa Claus is heart-breaking to the little girl. Explanations by her parents were not wholly satisfying. She asked her mother to see the editor of the paper and learn if the news were true. He wrote:

Your Santa Claus lives, Opal Marie, and there is no harm that can ever befall him.

—Greenwood Arkansas Democrat, Dec. 20, 1928.

great World War, Santa Claus

Reporter Column

Devoted to Messages to and From Messenger Reporter

May we repeat very kindly:

(1) Type news double space; yes, please, always double space. A linotypist goes mad trying to follow single space copy.

(2) Type the births, deaths, weddings, showers, travel news—type these items on a separate sheet headed "Page 5," because they are printed on the "Society" page which is always on page five. Don't mix these items in with the other ward news. Look on page five Ward's name as it is done there.

(3) Abbreviate ward news. With 45 wards and branches it is necessary that each will desirably keep their ward news to a limit of six to ten inches. On the average 35 words occupy one inch of space in our columns.

(4) Type your ward name at top left of page and then leave about two inches blank space. Type most important news in first paragraph. Then make up a heading from this paragraph and type the heading in the two inch blank space. Look in Messenger to see how headings are written. Count the number of spaces plus words in the lines of headings and don't make your heading lines longer than will fit in the printed column. Finally, type your "by line" beneath the heading, thus, "By Sally Jenkins." That's called the "by-line" in newspaper parlance. Type paragraph above seems a bit confusing, will you believe us when we say, it's not confusing if you will open the Messenger to a ward news spot and then reread our paragraph above.

(5) See if you can't weave out the words, 'fine' and 'job,' using other words in place of them. It will add interest and more dignity to the copy, we think.

Native Utahn Handles Huge Bay Land Deal

A native Utahn, now a prominent California realtor handled the negotiations for what is described as the "biggest Eastbay land deal"

The transaction was the purchase by Utah Construction Co. of the 5,000-acre Moraga ranch property northeast of Oakland, for more than $4,000,000. The purchase was made to build a model city of 28,000 for an evenutal investment of $140,000,000.

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Each pain and sorrow we would have relieved;
And every word that caused a single smart,
And every hour through which you sadly grieved.
We'd have them all be gone forever gone—
Forgotten, like the things that cannot be;
And then each hour would be a joyful one,
For only good things would be left, you see.
Now that is what we'd really like to do—
If we could do the things we wish for you.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER J. LINDSAY as they appeared a few years ago. "Daddy" Lindsay as he was affectionately known, died peacefully in his San Francisco home, January 4.

Book of Mormon News and Views

By Thomas Stuart Ferguson, Atty.

One of the great prophecies of the Book of Mormon has been fulfilled lately before our very eyes. And it was an important prophecy, I suppose the reason that it has not been given more notice is because we have been occupied with Korea and Communism and other headline events. The great prophecy referred to is Mormon's, written about 1570 years ago, wherein he predicted that the Jews would be restored to their homeland Israel, the work to begin not long after 1830. The Zionist movement was gotten under way in the last century—just a few years after the coming forth of the Book of Mormon in 1830. On May 15, 1948 the United Nations ended the British Mandate (set under the League of Nations after World War I) and Israel became an independent nation for the first time in over 2000 years. Israel is restored and the gates are open to all Jews, the world over, and they are gathering at a wonderful rate.

Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel predicted the dispersion and gathering of Israel. But the Book of Mormon fixed the time of the restoration. Wrote Isaiah: "I (the Lord) will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.—Isaiah, Chapter 43.

Wrote Mormon: ". . . when the Lord shall see fit, in his wisdom, that these sayings (Book of Mormon) shall come unto the Gentiles (since 1830 the Gentiles have been getting the sayings of the Nephites) according to his word, then ye may know that the covenant which the Father hath made wit h the children of Israel, concerning their restoration to the lands of their inheritance, is already beginning to be fulfilled." 3 Nephi 29:1.

The restoration of Israel has been accomplished against the most formidable obstacles. A marvelous work and a wonder has been acomplished in this regard. To fully appreciate the miracle of it all, you should read the new book, Rebirth and Destiny of Israel, by David Ben Gurion, first prime-minister of the newly restored Israel.

The Very Idea!

Modern Kiddies. Two Park Avenue mothers were trying to outboast each other about their children. Finally one topped the other with:

"Why only last week Junior went to the psychiatrist all by himself."

—Montgomery Advisor

Head Strangers. Junior came home from kindergarten and announced that he wouldn't go back. His mother demanded and finally ordered him to return.

"O.K. mother," he said. "I'll go back if you want me to be a head stranger."

Pay our doctors. A physician, who recently settled in the community, was asked to attend a dinner party. He sent a reply, but his writing was so bad that the hostess couldn't read it.

"If I were you," suggested her husband, "I would take it to the druggist, because druggists can always read doctors' writing."

She took his advice. The druggist looked at the doctor's note, went into his dispensary, returned in a few minutes and handed a bottle of medicine to her, saying:

"That will be two dollars."

—Wall Street Journal

'Early to Bed, Early to Rise,' 100 Years Ago

One hundred years ago this winter the Deseret News printed the following item, amusing today, but serious enough to our grandparents in Utah:

Nov. 25, 1853—Long winter evenings are now at hand and there is no better way for one to do what he ought to be done for candles? There have been complaints that the tallow used in soap and that an unnecessary amount of soap was being used. It was suggested that the people rise earlier in the morning to make use of the early sunlight, and go to bed earlier at night, to save on candles.

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My Testimony

Bishop Albert Bears Witness of Power Of the Priesthood

My Testimony III

By Mabel B. Liddell
San Francisco

Bishop Wallace N. Allred, who this year enters his twentieth year of presiding over Mission Ward in San Francisco Stake, has had many and varied experiences during these years of service. Of all of them, however, he states that the full realization of the power of the Priesthood has been his greatest testimony.

He has witnessed many times the healing of the sick under his hands. He remembers one occasion where three women were miraculously healed on the same day, and of another administration where a young boy, critically ill from polio was healed. He has no idea how many people he has administered to, but thinks it is up in the thousands. Of the feeling of this tremendous power actually flowing through him, however, he states that he has never felt anything like that experienced on a summer day in 1939 at the San Francisco Hospital. It happened in this way:

The Hardin family, a man and wife with their eldest son, were traveling in California on a vacation from their home in Wyoming. San Francisco Brother Hardin was stricken with a heart ailment. An ambulance was summoned and upon arrival at the station, the ill man was taken to the San Francisco Hospital. Dr. Andrew Carruth, then Asst. Supt. of that institution, upon learning the desire of the family, sent for Bishop Allred of San Francisco Ward. Since the hospital is in the confines of Mission ward, it was the responsibility of Bishop Allred's home. By the time he was located and reached the hospital, Brother Hardin had passed away.

The stunned family were still in the hospital, bewildered and grieved at the suddeness of Brother Hardin's passing. Bishop Allred stayed with them for some time in an effort to comfort and sustain them, then started down the long corridor to go home. As he was slowly walking along he was so impressed to return and administer to the men that he simply could not leave the hospital. He returned to the family to ask if the son held the priesthood and learned that the young man had only recently been ordained to the office of an elder. The bishop explained his promptings. We and the son, in company with Dr. Merrill, were taken to the hospital basement, in the morgue, where the body had been moved. There we found ten doctors surrounding the table where the body lay, in preparation for an autopsy to determine the cause of death. The man had been dead for at least one and one half hours.

Dr. Merrill asked the doctors to wait a few moments, stating that Bishop Allred wished to perform services of his office. There was about three left the room. Bishop Allred and the young Mr. Hardin anointed with the 'oil and sealed the administration. Bishop Allred spoke the words requesting the restoration of life and breath to this man, if it were the will of the Lord, and he did so by the power of the Priesthood, and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The bishop humbly states that never has he felt such power come through him, as when life flowed into the man's body. It was an astounding event to all who were present, and even more so to the doctors who had left the room, when they did not return they saw this man, who had been dead for some time, actually talking with the family. On their faces were written the absolute impossibility—yet the actuality of what they were witnessing. The man had been dead one hour.

Brother Hardin was returned to a hospital room, where Bishop Allred visited with him on several occasions. He was later released from hospital, Brother Hardin and his family returned home, humbly grateful for this modern day miracle through the divine power of the Priesthood.

Chinese Convert Relates Story of Conversion In San Francisco

(The following talk was given by James Wong in the San Francisco Stake Quarterly Conference October 11, 1953, just two months after he was baptized in a morning of the Church.)

My first contact with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came about by way of the missionaries. One day in the month of May of last year, as I sat alone in my home pondering away the monotony of another routine day, my doorbell rang and I had my first visit from the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

At that time, I was very upon this first visit with little significance and interest, but now I have come to realize that became the turning point in my life. It was this short, significant initial contact with the missionaries which meaning down through the gradually grew over the next few months until now I am thoroughly convinced that the Church of Jesus Christ must truly be God's Church.

During the first meeting with the missionaries, they gave me a little black book called the Book of Mormon. At first, I looked upon the book and the gift with mixed feelings in general with indifference and defiance because I did not have faith in Christ. Instead, I had a lack of faith at that time, my attitude and feelings toward religion and God was that of doubt and disbelief. It is truly wonderful what those missionaries did for me.

After many weeks of continual and persistent meetings some of my doubts began to fade away and much of the light began to become more evident. It wasn't easy, however, and indeed, at times it was most discouraging when my interest and faith began to lose their grasp. But the missionaries were more determined than I was that I should be given the chance to know and love God.

The missionaries had installed within me many new concepts concerning religion that I had never known before. It was at this time—the time when I met the missionaries, I had always felt that going to church on Sunday was a waste of time and that it was really a pretense by which people could hold social gatherings and show off their best clothes. The missionaries taught me how wrong one can be.

Now I know that going to church is as vital to our lives as rain is to our crops. From my own personal experience, I have learned that going to church not only affords us the chance to honor the Sabbath day and keep it holy in remembranceof our Father, but it also gives us an opportunity to temporarily we can replenish our spiritual strength and faith in order to meet and confront any trials, obstacle or future temptations with greater faith and stronger faith and stronger determination.

The missionaries have ' also taught me the meaning of the Word of Wisdom, tithing, baptism and of God's willingness and forgiveness to forgive us if we would only truly repent. As of now, the missionaries are going through the whole Book of Mormon with me, thus helping me to gain a more thorough knowledge of the teachings of God. Gradually, they are helping me to build a more solid and firmer foundation of faith and belief in God, a foundation I hope that will be able to withstand the severest storm of temptation, evil and tribulations which are bound to occur at least once in our everyday lives.

And my faith in God grew, the time became ripe that I should be baptized into the Church and on the 4th day of last April, several weeks after I was baptized, I was ordained to the Priesthood office of an elder. It was a day of the many great advantages that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have over the other Churches in that we allow our members to participate in the various church activities.

It is the performing of various activities, such as passing the sacrament or giving a talk before a church gathering that causes one to feel that he really is a part of the church. Actual participation in church activities by the members of the congregation stimulates the interests and concerns of its members for the Church.

But the main point that I would like to emphasize in my talk, is the wonderful work being done by our missionaries. It was due mainly to them that I was converted from a non-believer to a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. The missionaries represent the messengers as well as the teachers for carrying out the plans of God. They are the life blood of our Church which keeps it growing and functioning. The missionaries are the links between the Church and the people of the world.

Without them the Church would not grow and many people would go on living without ever having the opportunity to hear God. Especially now in this modern day and age, we need missionaries more than ever before to help spread the Gospel to those who have neglected their spiritual lives or to those who have become overly obcessed with the burning desire to succeed only in the material world and to acquire fame and prestige. Little do those people know that the acquiring of such fortunes is as empty in real happiness with God as a hollow vase. If those who do not know God won't come to us for help, we must go to them.

Your Dental Health

By Dr. Hearl Crowther
(Oral Surgeon)

Foods in which large amounts of refined sugar have been included are commonly considered as energy foods. This is an erroneous idea because refined sugar passes through the intestinal walls much faster than it can be utilized by the cells.

The refined sugar promotes the growth of acid bacteria and causes a sort of mining operation in the body, robbing the harder tissues—the teeth, jaws, and other bones—of calcium, phosphorous, etc., thereby causing a body imbalance which, in turn, results in tooth decay, pyorrhea, and other body ailments.

A well balanced diet provides adequate energy to meet average requirements without the use of additional sweets. When the diet is high in refined sugar and starches, acid forming bacteria develops in the mouth, to night one instance. This promotes dental decay. But, as has before been stated, such is only a local manifestation of a systematic involvement, and may be changed by adopting intelligent dietary habits.

Our children are entitled to proper dietary management and education. If we could realize what has been accomplished against the most formidable obstacles. A marvelous work and a wonder has been acomplished in this regard. To fully appreciate the miracle of it all, you should read the new book, Rebirth and Destiny of Israel, by David Ben Gurion, first prime-minister of the newly restored Israel.

Book of Mormon Archaeology Talks Interest Civic Clubs

Thomas S. Ferguson, LDS attorney, president of the New World Archaeological Foundation, is currently filling constant invitations from various East Bay civic clubs to address them on the excavations and objectives of the N.W.A.F.

Elder Ferguson addressed 200 men in a special night session of the Men's Club of Piedmont, January 14. This is merely one of a continuing flow of invitations he has had for several months past. Colored slides add to the interest of the presentations.

Among clubs calling for these lectures on Book of Mormon archaeology were various Rotary Clubs, Round Table groups, Kiwanis clubs, East Bay Engineers Club, Executive Assn. of Oakland, East Bay Breakfast club, Advertising Club, E. B. Stanford Mens' Club.

Invitations by these lunch and dinner clubs have numbered more than one a week for most of the year 1953. The year 1954 is beginning similarly. Many hundreds of outstanding business men have received a favorable setting for the spiritual setting of the Book of Mormon.

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Society

San Francisco Stake Social Calendar

FOR FEBRUARY, 1954

5 Friday—Relief Society Party for all members of wards and stakes, at 1:00 p.m.
5 Friday—Boy Scout Court of Honor.
7 Sunday—Boy Scout programs for evening services.
11 Thursday—L.D.S. Gymnasium - Cinerama night (res. tickets only).
20 Saturday—Stake Speech Festival.
27 Saturday—Stake Rose Prom.

Oakland Stake Social Calendar

FEBRUARY, 1954

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES
BASKETBALL . . . Monday Nights
Saturday, Feb. 6—Stake Road Show — Oakland Ward
Friday, Feb. 12—Sweetheart Ball — Elmhurst Jr. Hi
(Oakland-Berkeley Stakes) — Fremont High School
Friday, Feb. 19—Stake High Priest's Social — Richmond Auditorium
Saturday, Feb. 20—Stake Rose Prom — San Leandro Ward
(Explorers and Mia Maids) — Alameda Ward
Friday, Feb. 26—Alameda Ward Reunion — Alameda Ward

MARCH, 1954

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES
BASKETBALL . . . Monday Nights
Saturday, March 6—Stake Speech and Music Festival — Alameda Ward
Tuesday, March 9 thru 14—M. Men-Gleaner Week — Elmhurst Jr. Hi — Fremont High

Berkeley Stake Social Calendar

FEBRUARY - MARCH, 1954

February	Event and Location	Time
12 Friday	—Sweetheart Ball with Oakland Stake, Richmond Civic Auditorium	9:00 p.m.
29 Saturday	—Father & Son's Outing, Bar 49 Ranch, nr. St. Helena	
21 Sunday	—Father & Son's Outing, Bar Ranch, near St. Helena	
22 Monday	—Father & Son's Outing, Bar 49 Ranch, near St. Helena	
27 Saturday	—Junior M Men & Junior Gleaners' party (Time and Place to be announced)	
March		
2 Tuesday	—Stake Speech Festival, Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.
5 Friday	—Concord Ward Gold and Green Ball, Concord	8:30 p.m.
5 Friday	—Berkeley First Ward Bazaar, Berkeley	
6 Saturday	—Berkeley First Ward Bazaar, Berkeley	
9 Tuesday	—M-M-Gleaner Week Starts (Interstake Events) (Time and Loca\n to be announced)	

Palo Alto Stake Social Calendar

FOR FEBRUARY, 1954

Friday, Feb. 12—M.I.A. Speech Festival.
Sunday, Feb. 14—M.I.A. Sweetheart Social Honor.
Saturday, Feb. 20—M.I.A. Explorer and Mia Maid Rose Prom.

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San Fernando Stake Opens Big Drive For Food Storage

The San Fernando Stake presidency are reported in the Los Angeles Inter-Mountain News of early January as planning a concentrated drive early in 1954 towards a year's food supply and clothing storage by the members of that Southland stake.

Four pointed questions are propounded by the stake Church leaders:

Do you have a year's supply of food and clothing in your own household?

If you were to lose your job tomorrow how long could you live without having to receive help from outside sources?

If you were to meet with an accident, how long could you take care of your own problems?

If any type of calamity occurred how long could you exist, and how many people could you help?

Possession of a year's supply of food and clothing could be a very important factor during times of stress or of disaster. The securing of these items should be one of the projects planned by each family of the stake during the coming year.

So-Called 'Charities' Of Race Tracks Exposed by State

Until recent months our California race track owner seemed to specialize in so-called charity causes.

A newspaper recently carried this story:

"The Bay Meadows race track gambling establishment, until recently 'Bing Crosby races' for the benefit of the Saints and Sinners Milk Fund for poor children of Alameda County, has just reported to have refused a bottle of Saints' and Sinners' milk with—

"Thank you kindly sir, but I don't need charity milk any more. Fapa has stopped playing the races and is able to buy our milk for us now.

"So the Bay Meadows 'milk charity races' faded away. The Saints and Sinners now raise their milk money in other ways."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints has consistently abstained from accepting favors of any kind from gambling and liquor interests. A few years ago beautiful Santa Anita race track offered the use of their facilities free of charge for social events for Latter-day Saints. The offer, of course, was courteously declined.

—Inter Mtn. News

More About Early Utah's New Alphabet

Perhaps few Church members have been more honored than early Utah scholars in 1853 completed and adopted a new alphabet of 38 characters. Brigham Young was a scholarly region with great universities. The topics are of interest to the Messenger reader for purely intellectual interests. The Pratts in early Utah were part of a great surge of enthusiasm for human improvement. The alphabet needs constant study for this reason. They attached the problem with a will characteristic of Latter-day Saints ever since.

The Deseret News of January 14, 1843 contained the following brief analysis of the proposed new alphabet:

The Board of Regents, in company with the Governor and heads of departments, had finally completed and adopted a new alphabet of 38 characters. The group had spent long hours during the winter perfecting the new alphabet. It was hoped that this would simplify the English language, particularly the spelling. The characters were much more simple in structure than the usual alphabet; were more regular and easily memorized and presented no problem to the printer.

Harmful Tobacco Effects Established

By DR. E. R. HANLEY

Perhaps the most hard hitting and unequivocal article to appear in recent print concer

BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

Berkeley Stake Conference

Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14

Sessions: Saturday, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. . . . Sunday, 10 a.m. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Richmond Ward

The Chantrells Make New Home In Sunnyvale

By LUCY P. MORLEY

Brother Claytor Chantrell and his wife, Elva, and their two sons, have moved to Sunnyvale, California, where he is taking over the principalship of a new school.

On Thursday evening December 10, the officers and teachers of the Relief Society met at the home of Sister Eva Hedgepath, to honor Sister Chantrell.

The Stake Missionaries of the Richmond district under the supervision of President Calvin Carlson enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner Dec. 18 at the home of brother and sister Horace Burgess.

On Sunday evening December 13, the presidency of the Relief Society was reorganized with Lily Hedgepath as president.

The Mia Maids of the Y. W. Mutual held a traffic dance in December for fund raising. Those participating were fined for wrong dancing and by walking.

Aviation Cadet, George Stoddard Jr. son of George and Addie Stoddard Jr., spent the holidays with his parents. George is stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

Brother Fred Hatt, Jr., has been called to serve as a stake missionary.

Annie Willey Thomas, 84, celebrater her eighty-fourth birthday, Jan. 2. She is at present living with a daughter, Mrs. Thornton (Louise) Dean. Sister Thomas is the mother of nine boys and two girls; has twenty-five grandchildren. Her son, Ben Thomas, was a former Bishop of the Richmond Ward.

Brother and Sister Elias Smith missionaries, recently returned from a trip to Mesa, Arizona, where their daughter, Bernice Bowers, was seriously ill.

Lorene Thomson is back at school after having undergone an appendectomy at the Peralta Hospital in Oakland.

Russel Johnson, our ward clerk, spent the holidays visiting in Los Angeles.

Jerry Dean, son of Thornton and Louise Dean, graduated from Richmond Union High School. He plans on attending BYU. Elizabeth Gengler enjoyed a week's vacation in December in Los Angeles.

The last week in February will mark the first of a series of dinners to be held this year in the ward. These dinners will be sponsored by the different organizations of the ward. The Relief Society will sponsor the first dinner (tentatively set for Feb. 26) and the proceeds from this affair will go toward assisting them in furnishing the chapel kitchen with the necessary items needed for these dinners. Further information will be available on the ward bulletin board in the foyer.

Jean Passey Evans, a former member of our ward, is recovering from an attack of polio. She has been in the San Francisco city hospital.

East Richmond Ward News

Margene Ridge Soon Leaving Richmond For Germany

By ALAINE WIGHTMAN

Margene Ridge is leaving Richmond, Feb. 21, by plane, for Augsburg, Germany, near Munich, where she will join her husband, Jack. Jack is an M.P. Margene has been teaching school two years and has been active in stake and ward affairs for many years.

This reporter is convinced the STORK got his signals—rather babies—mixed, Dec. 27, 1953. He delivered Ray and Noblene Echols their fourth boy, and Wallace and Alaine Wightman their fourth girl.

Nilda Cheek is writing letters to all our service fellows and missionaries for the ward.

Our building fund is growing. Our members are accepting the plan of one month's salary in the next two years. Bishop Esperson feels that Brother Burton, the architect for the new stake building, is doing wonderfully well.

Our Sunday School was re-organized in December. Ray Echols replaced Bob Barney as superintendent of Sunday School with counselors Vernon Tipton and Earl Amtoft.

The Bob Barneys have moved from our ward to Rodeo Ward. He is principal of the Potrero School in Richmond.

They were converted through the lives and teachings of Ida Bell Bradsen and the Vernal Hornes. Bob has been a very able Sunday School superintendent, and Barbara a faithful Primary teacher, chorister and counselor, besides writing excellent musical programs and aiding in many ways.

The Barneys have two lovely daughters who have been active in the ward.

Berkeley Stake News

The Harmons Have New Grandchild, Mothered by Eunice

By Annaleone D. Patton

President Glenn Harmon and wife received an unusual Christmas present. It was delivered just four days before Christmas, not at their home address, but at a hospital in Fahettesville, North Carolina. It wasn't wrapped in cellophane; it was wrapped in a pink blanket because—it's a baby girl! Little Ann Elizabeth Knecht is the daughter of William and Eunice Harmon Knecht.

Sister Harmon flew to North Carolina to spend Christmas with Eunice and the new granddaughter.

Maybelle Anderson is at home again after an operation at a local hospital. God bless Sister Anderson.

Richard W. Young spoke at the regular January meeting of the Ina Coolbrith Circle (a literary club) on the "Romance and Complications of early California Land Titles." Brother Young was associated with the Federal Land Bank for many years. His address has been given before several civic groups.

Richard W. Young is a grandson of the late Brigham Young, second president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Ina Coolbrith was the daughter of Don Carlos Smith, youngest brother of Joseph Smith, the Prophet.

The meeting was held at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco . . .

Home builders and mothers party will be held at the Berkeley Chapel, Saturday, February 13th, at 1 p.m. Every Home Builder girl invites her mother!

New 7th Quorum of Elders

Concord area now has its own elders' quorum, the new 7th quorum of Berkeley Stake. The 6th quorum, thus divided, now covers the Martinez-Pittsburg area.

Ernest I. Adams, formerly president of the 6th quorum was set apart as president of the 7th quorum with King Hinckley and Starr Beckbank as counselors.

Starr Brockbank, the new member to serve in the presidency, was born in Spanish Fork, Utah, a brother to Dr. Mark Brockbank of Santa Rosa state, and one of five brothers, all Eagle Scouts. He attended the BYU three years.

Miss Enid Roberts of Salina, Utah, became Starr's wife. They have six children, all sealed in the Salt Lake Temple to their parents, March 1952. One son is still serving in the air corps in Okinawa.

By profession, Elder Brockbank is a licensed general contractor and is now supervising the erection of Concord Ward's spacious new chapel.

5th Elders Quorum Reorganized

Harold McNamara and Ned Clyde, now in stake missionary work, have been replaced in the presidency by Lowell Flam, president, and John Kennedy and Calvin Smith, counselors.

John Kennedy, Liverpool, England, born; brought to Sale Lake City at age nine; educated in Utah and California; received C.P.A. rating in January, 1952. He has recently set up his own office as a public accountant.

While president of Mission Ward YMMIA, in S.F., he met his wife, De Rae Webb, who then was in the YLMIA in the S. Ward. Married in the S. L. Temple, they now have a son, 12, and a daughter, 6.

Calvin Smith, Salt Lake City born, graduated from the U. of U. with a B.S. in chemistry. He is now employed by the Calif. Research Corp. (Standard Oil), as a research engineer. He is doing graduate work in the chemical engineering at "Cal."

He and Jean Christensen of Denver in the S. L. Temple. They have three daughters and a son. His hobby is gardening. He plays ball for the "Lab" group; he is an excellent pianist.

Sustained recently as the new presidency of the 6th Quorum of Elders, covering Martinez-Pittsburg area are Robert Anderson, Doyle Hawkins, Loren Welches, with Andrew Easton, secreary.

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Orinda Branch News

Missionary Training Course to be Given Sunday Evening

By Lillie B. Gargacher

Our home missionaries, Mark Birckey and Dick Harline, will give a complete missionary training course consisting of nine two-hour lessons, on alternating Sunday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the home of Pres. Ferguson. A general invitation to the entire Orinda Branch is extended to join in enjoying this gospel course.

J. L. McCarrey, Jr., of Anchorage, Alaska, brother of our organist, Elva Hutchinson, has been appointed Federal Judge at Anchorage. In addition to these duties he is active in the Branch Presidency and also was finance chairman for the raising of funds for the new chapel to be built in Anchorage.

The O. W. Israelsons of Logan, Utah, have been guests of their daughter and family, the Thomas Stuart Fergusons, over the holidays, as have also the Sam Fergusons of Fresno, brother of our branch president.

We are happy to know that Rulan McCullough is getting on well and we hope for his complete recovery from a recent operation.

The Sam Coombs enjoyed an annual New Year's Eve party at their home on Hacienda Drive—with a group of Later-day Saint friends who have been enjoying this festive occasion together for the past 20 years. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wright, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Rean, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Anderson, the William Owens, the E. K. Hanks, and the Nathan Tolmans of Berkeley.

Gordon Thurston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rud V. Thurston has been ordained a deacon.

Concord Ward

Primary Officers Make Chapel Fund Gift to Bishop

By Netta C. Skidmore

New Primary teachers are: Wilma Lee, chorister; Maureen Westover, teacher trainer; and teachers, Alta Gay, Lillian Bethel and Jane Marley. Primary officers and teachers presented the bishop a nice check for the building fund. The money made by selling spooners, hand painted by Dorothy Thomas, and by a cake sale.

Mutual

The five-ward New Year's Eve party was hailed a great success by a large representation from each ward.

Junior Sunday School

The Junior Sunday School has taken as its project corresponding with Elder Baldwin. They send him their new ideas on Sunday School work. He has been sending them ideas and material from Denmark. This is proving to be a very interesting project.

Baptismals

Elsie Spencer, mother of Bernie Adams was baptized this month. Brother Vyrle Dietsch was also baptized this month. Brother Arnold, himself a recent convert, now working valiantly as stake missionary, helped chiefly in Bro Dietsch's conversion.

Messenger Slogan

I will include our LDS businessmen within the circle of my May to day shopping, even tho it requires going a little out of my way, I believe it's brotherhood in action.

Ted and Caroline Kolb are eagerly looking forward to a February trip to the Salt Lake Temple where they will be sealed for time and eternity.

Former Missionary In Calif. Honored in Top Ten Americans

Douglas R. Stringfellow (R-Utah) was named among the 10 top young American men of 1953 Saturday, January 3, by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Elder Stringfellow and his charming wife served as church missionaries in the Northern California Mission while he was still convalescing from wounds received in heroic, specially-assigned exploits in World War II.

Berkeley Stake Meeting Calendar

FEBRUARY - MARCH, 1954

February	Event and Location	Time
3	Wed.—Special Genealogical Society Meet, Berkeley Chapel, 7:30 p.m.	
4	Thurs.—Berkeley Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel, 7:30 p.m.	
10	Wed.—Special Genealogical Society Meet, Berkeley Chapel, 7:30 p.m.	
13	Sat.—Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conf., Berkeley Chapel,	Various
14	Sun.—Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference, Berkeley Chapel, 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.	
15	Mon.—Berkeley Stake M.I.A. Leadership Meeting, Martinez Chapel	7:30 p.m.
17	Wed.—Special Genealogical Society Meet, Berk. Chapel, 7:30 p.m.	
20	Sat.—Berkeley Stake General Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley Chapel	8:00 p.m.
20	Sat.—Berkeley Stake High Priests Quorum, Berk. Chapel	7:00 p.m.
24	Wed.—Special Genealogical Society Meet, Berkeley Chapel, 7:30 p.m.	
March		
4	Thurs.—Berkeley Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.
14	Sun.—Sunday School Convention (Interstake) Berkeley Chapel	

The News is Out! 'Hansel and Gretel' Next Production

Official dispatches from the offices of the Berkeley Stake MIA direct by wire to the Messenger's office announce "Hansel and Gretel," as the selected operatic production for 1954.

Director for this production is Diana Malstrom, stake music director, assisted by Mrs. Mary Wallman, stake MIA organist.

It's all for FUN! Members of the cast, directors, and stage hands have all dedicated themselves to having fun, and when the operetta is presented on the nights of March 24th, 25th, and 26th, December mirth will be had by Berkeley Stake operetta. Look for an evening of never-to-be-forgotten enjoyment and entertainment.

Martinez Ward News

Berna Polson Welcomed Again Primary Teacher

ALVA MAE FORSYTH, Reporter

The Primary is happy to welcome Berna Polson again as the teacher of the beginner's group.

Plans are underway for the February Penny Appeal for the Children's Hospital.

The Primary is busy filling their pictures in the library and getting things arranged so that the visual aids will be more readily accessible to the teachers.

Visiting teachers' report meeting was held at the home of the Relief Society president, Hattie Vom Dorp. Those present saw the heirlooms Werner Vom Dorp brought back from his old home in Germany.

The Martinez Ward Relief Society held a special meeting to stress welfare in the home.

Claremont Ward Basketeers Win Stake Honors Again

Claremont Ward's fast basketball team once more has won the Berkeley Stake Championship tournament. The teams' enthusiastic supporters are confident their excellent team will win district 11 games and go on to compete for the Church-wide honors.

Concord, Pittsburg and Berkeley are battling it out for second place stake positions as the Messenger goes to press. A second round of game decided the matter.

Richmond Ward won in the Jr. M-Men division as they was composed of teams from Berkeley, Claremont and an old-timers team from Berkeley Second. These Jr. M-Men teams are viewed as potential material for up-building the M-Men of tomorrow.

The names of Claremont's winning players for 1953-54, coached by Scott Hunter are: Jim Bragg, Cliff Wallace, Chad Smith, Vince Wood, Austin Smith, Ted Kolb, and Dave Wood.

Rodeo Ward

Gift of Used Lumber To Rodeo Ward Clearly Explained

By Una Ellsworth

In the January issue of The Messenger this reporter stated that we owe a vote of thanks to Hercules Powder Company for the Sister Geneva Wanlass, wife of Ruel Wanlass and president of the Relief Society submitted to surgery at Peralta hospital, Berkeley, Tuesday, January 12, Dr. E. R. Ranker being the attending physician.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wanlass, Rodeo, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wanlass, Lehi, Utah, who are spending the winter months with relatives in this area, motored north to Oregon Jan. 14, to visit relatives and friends over the following week end.

Mrs. Ada lost the Calvin Pratts and little sons who have moved to Pittsburg.

Sister Florence Kerns was releaser as Sunday School secretary and Mayleet Fedash was sustained.

Harold M. Berg is chairman of the senior Fireside recently organized. They meet every second evening in different homes. Sisters These Jr. M-Men teams are viewed as potential material for up-building the M-Men of tomorrow.

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Sacrament Meeting Attendance Urged

By DORA FRIEDRICH

BISHOP'S MESSAGE—We have been having most inspirational sacrament meetings. If you have been missing these meetings you have been missing a splendid opportunity for spiritual growth. The Lord has instructed us to attend sacrament meeting. Ordinarily no Sabbath day can be considered properly observed if we miss the sacrament meeting.

During the coming year, plan to join with us consistently in sacrament meetings. Come with a spirit of prayer in your heart and you will feel richly repaid for whatever effort it may require.

The entire family is welcome. A teacher is provided to care for little children in the lounge during the latter part of the service.

Sacrament meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Women's City Club, Walnut Creek. Friends and investigators are most especially welcome.

Joseph Roy Hilton

It is with a great deal of pride that we watch the progress on our new chapel, and realize that each day brings us a little nearer to that wonderful "first meeting."

Many long hours of labor have been donated by the good brothers in Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek, worked in the hot sun and in the wet, wet rain. They have worked nights and days, "days off," when undoubtedly an easy chair and the evening paper has beckoned temptingly.

They are doing thier share in both money and work. ARE YOU MEETING YOUR PLEDGES REGULARLY, may we ask?

CHOIR — The newly elected president of the choir, Bob Berry, tells us to look for big things from this organization.

RELIEF SOCIETY—The Relief Society gives it's spring fashion show in March. Lela Kaufman, president, states.

The courage and faith displayed by Allen and Edna Chandler during Edna's serious illness have been an inspiration to all.

Our prayers were with Edna when she flew to New York this month for medical treatment. To a grand couple, we say, "God bless you and your family."

WALNUT CREEK

Walnut Creek Ward Scouts Reorganized

By Verna Mayfield

The Boy Scout officers were recently reorganized. The following were named as acting officers: Walter Scott, Scoutmaster; Vernon Rasmussen, James Osborn, Tony Clark, assistants; Homer Steele, Darwin Cramer, Clifton Buchanan, Al Cleveland, Fred Cochran, Jim Lee, John Openshaw and Ward Clark, assisting.

Since the Cub Scouts have been organized here in the Walnut Creek Ward, the program of the new officers will include this group.

Again the Primary is filling a much larger piggy bank than the one they had made last year. The money, that is earned by the children, goes into this bank. When filled it will be turned over to the Bishop for the new chapel and recreation hall.

The Children's Christmas party last December they presented the bishop with a check for $50 that they had made from selling boxes of cards and wrapping paper. The Primary children are certainly striving to help in a small way in building the new chapel.

New ward teachers have been assigned with the hope that this year Walnut Creek will be able to go to the top and help the stake's quota.

Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill Wards combined have presented 19 different homes, theme of the annual Road Show given January 29 and 30. Those participating were Mrs. Patricia Ruf, Ruby Snow, Joyce Bowler, in the minuet. Louis Friederich, Jim Fredericksen, Robert and Betty Kelly, Bonnie Clark, Claudia Clark, Barbara Loan, Diane Byrne, in the square dance with Keith Thompson as the caller. Helen Snel and Carolyn Phillips doing the Charleston. Jim Jensen, Nadine Cramer, Ted Jensen, John Williams, the Jitter-Bug. Sharon Evans doing the ballet. Loretta Cook and Janie Sumison, the modern dance as it is today. It was really a very entertaining evening to see what the various wards had done.

Supreme Court Says Jehovah Witnesses Not 'Ministers'

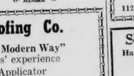
A January ruling by the United States Supreme Court practically says: If you preach, and work on the side you're a minister; but if you work and preach on the side you are not a minister.

A Jehovah witness, George L. Dickinson of Collings, Calif., was before the high tribunal. The question was: What is a minister.

The decision of the Court could effect the rulings of military draft boards regarding our young Elders being allowed to go on or finish their missions.

The Witnesses say that they are all ministers.

The decision recognized the need of some ministers augmenting their income with secular work. "Many preachers . . . in the more traditional or orthodox sects . . . may not be blessed with congregations capable of giving them a living wage," said the mapority opinion.



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Santa Rosa Ward

Santa Rosa Stake Conference

Saturday and Sunday, February 6 and 7

Saturday Evening Sessions—
Santa Rosa Chapel; Sunday Sessions in Vallejo Chapel.

Vallejo First

'Eat At the Banquet Table' Advises President Byrne

By La Rue A. Powell

The annual ward conference was conducted during the week of January 6 to 10 with Thomas Byrne of the stake presidency in attendance. Theme was "Spiritual Growth Through Prayer." President Byrne emphasized the importance of ward teaching. He encouraged everyone to "Eat at the banquet table. Do not merely be satisfied with gathering the crumbs."

A choir of 22, conducted by Sarah Neerings, sang at the ward conference evening service. Philip S. Ferrin expressed the need for confidence in the bishopric.

Burton L. Frye, Raymond Neerings and Max Tower have been advanced to office of elders. Tom Sowards has become a priest. New deacons are James Rose, Stephan Boorns and Bruce Williams.

A new genealogy class is being conducted by Fred Wager every Sunday morning.

Bishop Vernon C. Newman and his counsellors, Dee Powell and Glen Zundel, and their wives wish to express their appreciation for the party given in their honor December 9.

The Vallejo First and Second Ward Mutual officers and teachers along with their partners will hold a supper and social February 5, at the chapel.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Clista Knight who has been in the hospital for the past six weeks.

Coming events: Valentine dance, Feb. 12; movie, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Bishop's Message:

As a bishopric we are pleased with the cooperation given us in the past. We are happy for the increase of attendance at our meetings, but still hope for an improvement.

We encourage everyone to attend the quarterly stake conference, Feb. 6 and 7. The Saturday evening meeting on Feb. 6 will be held in Santa Rosa and the Sunday meetings on February 7 will be held in our Vallejo chapel.

With best wishes to all members,

Bishop Carl E. Kincaid

Gridley Ward Becomes Gridley First and Second

The Gridley Ward of the Gridley Stake, California, was divided December 27, 1953 into two wards, designated as Gridley First Ward and Gridley Second Ward, we learned from John C. Todd, former State president and currently manager of the Gridley Branch Bank of America.

Wilford Quist, Jess Chandler, and Carlos Rasmussen comprise the bishopric of Gridley First Ward while for the Second Ward brothers Ivie Howard Sannar and Don Fife with a second counselor to be announced.

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Santa Rosa Ward

New Relief Society Leaders Welcomed; Thank Sis. Crockett

The new Relief Society presidency has been welcomed by the members, and Mary Crockett, and the other outgoing officers have been thanked for excellent service.

The new presidency consists of Flo Hall, Killarney Sindel, and Hazel Candland, with Mary Sorenson as secretary.

The most important ward news concerns the excellent work accomplished at the house being erected on the welfare farm. Fun and goodfellowship accompanied the hours of work.

The super white-elephant sale, held January 22, was a distinct success. Many "white elephants" were donated. The purchases were liberal and many.

Berkeley Second

Twelve Families Add Numbers, Strength to Ward

We have had twelve new families in our ward: (1) Archie and James Kay Jr., Joan, Kathleen, James Glenn; (2) Leanore and Raymond Robinson and Kay Ann; (3) Bruce Robert Baker, wife Barbara and Terry Lynn; (4) Virgil Rae Matchinsky; (5) George W. Johnson, wife Margaretha, and George Jr.; (6) Thelma and Hyrum Curtis Eynon; (7) Janet and Scott Dunham and Christine Kay; (8) Donna May Stephens, Sandra Jean, Marion K. Carl and Ralph; (9) Kent Reber and wife Norma and Janice Lee, John Zundel and Mary Ann; (10) Lila Smith Pryor; (11) Curtis White Campbell; (12) Laura and Gary Stay.

Welcome to the newest local members of our Church, Stanley Joseph Schaugaard and daughter Martha Jane.

Congratulations: La Dee Lloyd, graduating from Thousand Oaks and Joy Anne Aschman from Albany. High.

Servicemen Bill Crockett and Wendell Walton were home for a recent visit. Wendel plans marriage in March or June to Sal Lake Temple to Carma Collett, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Collett. Both have been majoring in radio and television at the B.Y.U.

Congratulations to Tom Hopkins and David Owens now advanced to teachers; and to Bud Hopkins who has become a priest.

We extend please get well wishes to Mabel Anderson after her recent operation, and to Roger Thulin.

Dean Jensen is now associated with California-Western States Life Insurance Company, with office at 430-40th St., Oakland, California.

Fathers-Sons Outing

Sons' Outing at the Bar 49 Ranch near St. Helena.

"Hansel and Gretel"

March 24-25-26, Stake Mutual operetta "Hansel and Gretel."

Hopkins Plumbing Co. Awarded Second Place For Xmas Decorations

The Arthur L. Hopkins plumbing store in El Cerrito was awarded second place honors in the annual Chamber of Commerce contest for Christmas decorations.

Competing in this business division, the Hopkins store won the award largely on the basis of originality. An entire Christmas tree with all its trimmings was made up of plumbing supplies, and fixtures—all tied with green satin bows.

Palo Alto Stake Highlights of 1953: Dedication Four Beautiful Chapels

Dedication of four beautiful new chapels.

In May '53—San Mateo Chapel dedicated by Pres. McKay.

In Sept. '53—Burlingame Chapel dedicated by Apostle Harold B. Lee.

In Nov. '53—Los Altos Chapel dedicated by Don Longden, Asst. to Quorum of Twelve Apostles.

In Dec. '53—Palo Alto chapel dedicated by Pres. Stephen L. Richards.

The Palo Alto Stake is growing at the rate of approximately 1,000 per year.

Palo Alto Stake Conference

Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28

Saturday Sessions: 6:30 and 8:00 p.m., Palo Alto Chapel. Sunday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in San Mateo Chapel.

MIA Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Sessions in Palo Alto Chapel.

Palo Alto Stake Conference Meets In Late February

Next Quarterly Conference in the Palo Alto Stake will convene February 27 an 28. An early Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. will be for all Stake Priesthood leaders. The 8:00 session will be attended by men holding the Priesthood and their wives, all by special invitation. These two meetings will be held at the Palo Alto Chapel, 950 Guinda Street.

Sunday meetings of the Conference will be held at the San Mateo Chapel, 37th Avenue at the Alameda de las Pulgas, at 10:00 and 2:00 p.m. The Burlingame Ward Choir under the direction of Mrs. Melvin Edgar will sing at the morning service, and the Stake M.I.A. Chorus directed by Sister Conrad will supply music for the afternoon meeting.

An evening conference meeting, specially designed for the youth of the stake will be held at Palo Alto at 6:30 p.m. under the direction of the State M.I.A. All are invited to attend.

BAPTISMAL SERVICES will be held at the Palo Alto Ward Chapel, Saturday, February 6 and Saturday, March 6, at 8:00 p.m.

Poet-Mother Of Palo Altons Dies in Salt Lake

The mother of Frank C. and Robert L. Chambers of Palo Alto died January 11 in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Vilate Schofield Raile, noted author and a former member of the general board of the Relief Society association, whose poems had been nationally published, wrote the poem, "Pioneers" which was chosen to be placed on "This is the Place Monument."

She also composed two hymns for the Church and the lyrics for the Trail Builders song. She authored a book of illustrated children's poems entitled "So There," and studied for a time at Mills College in Oakland.

Amasa Gleason Motorman of S.L.C. Murder Recalled

E. M. Gleason of Claremont Ward, is one local member who remembers the current upflair of motor bus holdups with sad memories. His father, then a motorman in Salt Lake City, was killed by a masked bandit in a street car as he and the conductor waited at the end of the University line in that city.

The Deseret News of January 7 contained a retell of this tragedy in its "Remember When" column of things that happened fifty years ago. On that day in 1904 Amasa Gleason was killed as mentioned.

The editor of the Messenger recalls the event very vividly, having lived then only a short distance from the Gleason home in the Third Ward in Salt Lake City.

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Palo Alto Stake Meeting Calendar

FOR FEBRUARY, 1954

Saturday, Feb. 13—Stake Priesthood Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13—Stake Leadership Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 21—Palo Alto Ward Conference.

Saturday, Feb. 27—Stake Quarterly Conference.

Sunday, Feb. 28—Stake Quarterly Conference.

Burlingame Ward

Elder James Fife Leaves to Serve In French Mission

A missionary farewell was held Sunday evening, January 17th, for ELDER JAMES FIFE, who will depart soon for the French Mission.

The Ward officers and teachers were entertained at a harmonized feed given by the bishopric of Burlingame Ward.

A flower arranging course started at the chapel Monday, January 4 at 1 p.m. The course will run for 12 Mondays and is conducted by Mrs. Allen, under the auspices of the San Mateo Junior College.

One young girl from the YWMIA will speak in Sacrament meeting once each month. Janet Courtney spoke Sun

318-Acre Sub-Division Near Vallejo Opened by Dr. Reamer and Leonard Lyon

The first shovelful of dirt for a proposed new sub-division, Rancho Vallejo, to be located on the former Mini Ranch two miles north of Vallejo on the road to Napa, was turned January 11 by Dr. Milton P. Ream amid the plaudits of some 40 state, county, city, school, and Chamber of Commerce officials.

Dr. Ream, an officer of the Cumora Corporation, was accompanied by Leonard Lyon, a director of the Cumora Company, and Charles Maurer, associate in the Lyon Construction Co. which will eventually construct the proposed 1500 homes on the new residential tract. A model "Cliff May" home has already been erected and beautifully furnished and is now open for inspection at the corner of Tuolumne and Tennessee Streets.

At a luncheon held at the New Turk Cafe, January 12, the developers were welcomed to Vallejo by State Sen. Luther E. Gibson; Vallejo Mayor, George C. Demmon; Edwin B. Pierce, president of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce; William B. Elliott, whose real estate firm will have exclusive charge of sales in the new tract; Rome and William Mini, members of the prominent Vallejo family from whom the land purchase was made.

Prior to the luncheon the group viewed the progress being made on the model home at Tennessee and Tuolumne Streets by the Lyon Construction firm of San Lorenzo.

Architect Cliff May, owner of the patents and copy-rights of the new type of ranch house, explained that the same design used in the three bedroom model home now built in Vallejo and also on display at 984 Lewellan Street, San Lorenzo, has been used, with few embellishments, in homes costing as much as $50,000.

"We like to think we are offering the average home-buyer the same gracious living, although naturally on a smaller scale, as is afforded the buyer of one of our expensive custom homes," May commented. "These three and four bedroom homes," he added, "to be built in Rancho Vallejo and in San Lorenzo are of the most widely copied house designs in America today and have been featured in several large national magazines and on Sunset Magazine's cover."

"The three-bedroom model," said Realtor Elliott, "will cover 950 square feet and will sell for about $9950. The first unit to be built will consist of 115 homes with a potential of 400. The Napa portion of the development may eventually contain 1100 homes."

Church Members May Join L.D.S. Tour of Europe

The itinerary for the European Tour now being organized by Mrs. Alonzo J. Morley sounds almost too good to be true! It presents an unusual opportunity for Westerners to enjoy an economy tour that is also very complete. Visiting eight countries for 63 days, all expenses paid, costs only $987.

To begin with, the group will leave New York June 30th, and will not return until August 31. Therefore spending sixty days and visiting eight different countries. Included are daily shipboard lectures regarding language, history, art, and political trends of the countries to be visited.

Comfortable arm chair Pullman motor coaches will carry the tourists in comfort over four thousand miles to the sites of history-making battles, the most important art treasures, the capitals of the present day, and, in between, the finest scenery of the continent.

The tour will begin with four days in England, then proceeding to Holland, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Austria and France. In each of these countries, efforts are made to meet and become acquainted with people so that lasting friendships may be formed, thus giving permanent personal values rather than the usual quick dash through Europe.

Mrs. Morley is well known to travel groups, as she has been conducting tours for the past six years, and has done graduate work as well as undergraduate work in this field.

For more detailed information, write to Mrs. Morley, 870 Dayton Avenue, Fresno, Calif., or phone to her there, 72658. Dr. Morley is on leave from Fresno State College University, and the family is now living in Fresno.

GARD YOUNG MURDER THOUGHT NEARER SOLUTION BY ARREST OF SANTO GIRL

The solution of the mystery of Gard Young, active LDS member, who was murdered with two of his children 7, and 6, and a playmate, 4, October 1952, on the Westwood-Chester Highway, seems to be nearer when Harriet Henson, girl friend of killer Jack Santo was held December 31, at Quincy, California, on a complaint charging her with murder.

Wallace N. Alfred, bishop of Mission Ward, San Francisco, where the Young family lived prior to moving to Chester, declared that he visited in Chester last November. From information gathered at that time, Alfred became to a firm belief that the brutal murder of Gard Young was perpetrated by Jack Santo and associates.

Now the district attorney has charged Santo's girl friend with the crime. Santo and Perkins have been convicted for murdering Edmund Hansen. They are already under death sentence for another murder in Burbank.

Mrs. Gard Young still owns the store in Chester. It was money in connection with this store that proved the motive for Young's murder. At the day of the crime he was returning to Chester by auto with $700 which he had drawn from a Westwood bank for the purpose of cashing loggers' checks in an Indian camp in Plumas County, California. The store is being managed by Mrs. Young's brother who secured a deferment of absence from government service in order to help his sister while she went to Utah to take over the store herself.

Mrs. Young will return to Chester in the spring of this year, Bishop Alfred states, and take over the management of the thriving business. Currently she is enrolled in a business course at the Brigham Young University, in Provo, preparing for future control of the business. Mrs. Young is described as an able and resourceful Latter-day Saint, probably about 40 years of age. She and her husband were active in local missionary work at the time of the tragedy which has become known in the press as the "Chester massacre."

Berkeley Stake Emergency Food Kits Ready in Cases, Bags, Fumigated Cans

The food conservation committee of the Berkeley Stake high priest quorum announces that the following kits are available:

Wheat (whole berry)	140 lbs.	4 cans	$2.80 per $11.20
Rice (white Calif.)	70 lbs.	2 cans	4.40 per 8.80
Beans (lima)	30 lbs.	1 can	4.00 per 4.00
Beans(pink)	30 lbs.	1 can	4.15 per 4.15
Split peas (green)	35 lbs.	1 can	4.10 per 4.10
Powder skim milk	100 lbs.	2 bags	9.25 per 18.50
Honey in 5 lb. cans	60 lbs.	1 case	19.50 per 19.50
Margarine	24 lbs.	1 case	4.65 per 4.65
Shortening, Purola	18 lbs.	3 cans	1.50 per 4.50
Vitamins & mineral tablets	500 tabs.	1 can	4.50 per 9.00
Sugar	50 lbs.	} Get it yourself at your store	
Salt	10 lbs.		

These items may be obtained at the Berkeley Stake Welfare Center, San Pablo Avenue and Fink Lane, El Cerrito, which is open each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The above prices are based on wholesale prices as of January 15th, 1954, and may change as the wholesale market varies.

The wheat, rice, beans, and split peas are in five gallon cans and fumigated so they will keep for long periods.

The kit items will be sold in the unit sizes only; that is, only in five-gallon cans, cases or bags. The full "kit" is designed to furnish minimum basic food for two adults for one year. It is recommended that each family strive to obtain enough kits to take care of the family and store them in or near the family residence and use them currently, re-ordering items as needed. Thus everything is kept fresh.

The vitamin and minerals are tablets containing 16 vitamins and 12 minerals in proportion to supply the minimum daily requirements for an adult.

The High Priest Quorum has also available at 100 per cent whole wheat flour at 10c per pound and cracked wheat at 8c per pound for those who prefer to grind their flour nill at the Welfare Center.

The orders for the "kit" or "kits" or partial kits should be placed at least two weeks in advance with the Ward Welfare Chairman or with the Food Conservation Committee Chairman, John C. Franz, 245 Pomona, El Cerrito 8, California.

Archie Inger Paints, Writes In Sylvan Setting

By MILDRED FONTANO

Brother Archie Enger of Hayward has his art studio and home on the banks of a little stream, amid flowers and trees. In this lovely setting he has completed many excellent pieces of art. Two very good men live with Archie: Walter Hendrickson, a wood-carver by profession, and Harry Young, a writer for the Alameda Times Star, who also writes the editorial feature, "The Hired Man," which each day gives a bit of philosophy to live by.

Brother Enger's scenic oil paintings are in many homes in Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco; he has also painted sacred pictures for both homes and chapels. A few years back he did the art work for a large San Francisco department store. One requirement of this latter work was to make designs for petitpoint. This was new to him, so he embroidered several pieces of petitpoint, to know exactly how to produce the design.

Archie has utilized California hills and vales in many of his pictures. The green hills, and trees; and the California orange-poppies and blue lupins, make for bright color for which his art is noted.

Two of his exhibited in San Francisco, but now he has more orders than he can fill; so he exhibits no more.

His first sacred canvas he gave to his own Hayward Ward. It is named The Resurrection, and the picture is called The Light of the World, and hangs in Oakland 2 (Elmhurst) chapel, a gift to the Oakland stake. It will be hung in the stake tabernacle when it is built. It pictures Christ's triumph over the forces of religious leadership high, lighting the peoples of the world on their way.

This third picture depicts Christ descending a stair with a broken background caused by some heavy object of man. Two children crouch at the foot of the stairs looking up to Jesus for help from the destruction that has just taken place. Two of Archie's neighbors, small children, a brother and sister, posed for hours to help him paint this picture. They enjoyed seeing themselves grown on canvas. This picture was presented to Dimond Ward.

The Triumph," his fourth, is a gift to the San Leandro Ward. Christ is seen coming fourth from the tomb, glorified and triumphant. Majestically he walks up the steps in triumph and power. The Roman guards and soldiers are all perturbed, full of wonder and fear. To tell you that Bro. Enger is a perfectionist, is easy; but to illustrate, consider one instance. It took hours to paint the face of Christ, in this picture, to get the expression just right.

When finished Archie said it did not satisfy him. So he painted it again, and yet a third time, until he achieved the expression he desired.

The inspiration for these sacred pictures comes through intense thought and prayer. Each day before beginning work, Brother Enger prays humbly.

Painting is not Brother Engers only art. There is his beautiful home, "The Log Cabin Crown," which is full of true - word pictures of Jerusalem and Christ's ministry, and which is a building his ministry while reading this book. His friends are waiting for the finishing touches, but the artist says he has long ago been exhausted.

Brother Enger holds his ideals high. One day last year, while painting a sacred picture, he left his work for a few minutes, and when he returned the wind had blown the picture down. It fell over a chair's back, and a hole was punctured in it. It was to have been a gift for a chapel, so being the perfectionist that he is, he did the picture all over, even more beautiful, and gave it away. The patched picture was bought at a good price by a satisfied customer, so the mend did not show. But Bro. Enger could not make a gift unless it was his best.

When we look at these pictures that grace our stake's chapels, we will thing of the free-will offering of love that prompted them. Also the desire to teach a lesson from Christ's perfect life. None of us realize the number of hours that we can realize Brother Enger's love for mankind, brushed into those choice canvasses, depicting the perfect life.

Solve Burgon's Bungled Sentences

Congratulations Sister Evelyn of Rodeo Ward. You were first to report the corrected sentence. And you are so right, "The Glory Of God is Intelligence." Yes, a very fine way to gain more intelligence is to read more good books.

Congratulations, too, on your choice of such a lovely book, "Gospel Sermonettes," exerpts from the best talks of the Central Authorities with a picture of each one of the brethren.

Instead of awarding our free prize book to the first person sending the correct answer we shall put the answers that come in into a hat and after the 15th of the month, have some capable and trustworthy person draw the winner. In fact, we'll number the answers as they come in and put corresponding number slips of paper into the hat for drawing after the 15th.

See Bro. Burgons' correct address: H. W. Burgon, 634-27th St., Richmond.

The bungled sentence reads:

KESE YE TUO FO TEH SKOBO SWORD FO SWIMDO.

Mail all answers to: H. W. Burgon, 634-27th St., Richmond, Calif.

FOUR GENERATIONS—Left to right: Portia Pyle, Edward A. Pyle, Mrs. Edith Pyle, Mrs. Emma Goodale Child.

Fairfield Team Wins Santa Rosa Stake Basketball Trophy

By H. R. Christensen

Santa Rosa stake completed their 53-54 basketball season Saturday, Jan. 16, 1954, Fairfield emerged as the Stake winner with a perfect win record.

The season was a complete success in all respects with good sportsmanship shown by all of the athletes at all times.

Fairfield will have a trophy presented to them at the M.I.A. session of Stake Conference on Feb. 7. All of the teams will be honored at their respective wards.

The Fairfield team was an exceptionally high scoring quintet, averaging 75 points per game.

The individual high point leader of the Stake was Tom Sowards of Vallejo 1st Ward who averaged 22 points per game for the season.

The six highest scoring athletes were:

Tom Sowards, Vallejo 1, 132 pts.; Charles Faught, Fairfield, 116 pts.; John Rose, Fairfield, 114 pts.; Sue Chin, Fairfield, 94 pts.; Glen Lewman, Vallejo 1, 68 pts. (Computed for 6 games).

We regret the unfortunate incident that happened to John Rose who broke his jaw at work and so was unable to play with Fairfield in their last game.

HOWARD McDONALD

Former Local Scouter Visits Old Troop 8 And Berkeley Friends

Howard McDonald returned to Berkeley in January to attend a reunion of Scout troop 8 in Berkeley chapel. "Mack" had been scoutmaster and committeeman for troop eight in the days when he lived in Berkeley Ward and commuted to San Francisco where he was a school principal.

Now McDonald is president of the largest junior college in the United States. It is the Los Angeles City College (LACC) with an enrollment of over 16,000. But our old friend Howard presides also over another college of 6,000 additional students—the Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences. The state college shares the same campus with the city college mentioned above. Adding 16,000 and 6,000 shows 22,000 young people under his influence. He resigned from the presidency of Brigham Young University to accept his present duties.

Bro. McDonald was formerly president of San Francisco State. Single living in the Southland he has been active in Church circles, with his wife, as usual.

The letter of the Messengrr remembers having taught Howard McDonald American History in a class in Castle High School about the year 1914, just before Adam Bennion became principal of that secondary school in Salt Lake Colnty.

into business in June 1946, they have been deprived of $60,000 in business by the alleged conspiracy. They assess double damages.

The suit claimed Coroner C. L. Abbott refused to name the owners or employees of all mortuaries in the county as deputy coroners, as is the practice of other counties. Instead it said, Abbott designated only one undertaking establ-

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You Visit Palo Alto Stake Priesthood Meet, 'New' Chapel

If you come along with the Messenger editor for a speaking appointment at the Palo Alto Stake priesthood meeting January 11, you'll roll along for an evening bus ride through Hayward, Niles, Centerville, Newark, across the toll bridge and into Palo Alto.

We'll enter the office of Stake President David B. Haight in the remodeled Palo Alto Ward Chapel and Stake Center where the president and his counselor, Richard B. Sonne, greet us. After resting a few minutes and noting the new beautiful, high-panelled, carpeted office and its new matching furniture, we'll follow our hosts into the spacious newly finished and furnished chapel and auditorium with its fully carpeted floors, long heavy window drapes, and cushioned bench seats. The beautiful, light colored, natural finish woodwork, and the alternate-sunken panels with green growing plants on the back wall, and the indirect lighting give an air of rest, taste, and beauty.

As we look over the audience which seems to completely fill the chapel, we have a friendly feeling; we're in the house of our friends, our brethren. The eye recognizes many former Oaklanders Berkeleyites, and San Franciscans. Then we recall that almost all of Palo Alto stake was formerly part of San Francisco stake.

Take the stake president, David B. Haight lived formerly in Oakland and was active there in Church work. Three, at least, of the high councilmen are old, familiar faces from the East Bay; Lund A. Johnson, former Dimond Ward Bishop; Jesse R. Farr, former Berkeley bishop, and George D. Hughes, former Berkeley stake clerk.

When they called on George D. to present a chart on the relative standing among the wards in ward teaching accomplishments, we could near the echo of many similar stirring presentations we had heard him give in Berkeley.

We were greeted by the new stake patriarch, former Oakland physician, and old friend, W. Yates Farnsworth. Younger than we by many years, he's heard of us, too.

We wondered about that hearing aid, tho!

The general meeting over, we note that the department meetings were concerned and divided according to the functions of the three quorum standing committees; personal wealth, church attendance and class teaching.

Going home we enjoyed the courtesy of a fine car all the way back to Berkeley with Brother Young and Max C. Edwards, the driver.

'Shrieking Guests, Boner in Newspaper Raises Fun Shrieks

When a Vallejo daily presented its readers, December 28, 1953, with the headline, "Strong Winds Fan Fire Into Major Blaze," the paper's copywriters allowed the following guy ball to slip into the accompanying deek lines, "Shrieking Guests Snap Off Pine Trees." Poor guests!

One's sympathy for these terrified "guests" running amok until they actually "snap off pine trees," is eased when one reads further, "Strong winds with gusts up to 70 miles per hour whipped a growing brush fire into major proportions last night and snapped trees and power lines."

What a difference one small misplaced letter makes. One has seen at other times shrieking beauties, or beer-become faces, love changes to live, and has to hale. Even ball could become a hale, or bell, even a call, a festival bell, or heaven save us, a bull, perhaps mad.

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Caruso-Magleby Claim County Coroner Unfair

Roger F. Magleby, our young and alert LDS mortician in the Martinez-Pittsburg-Concord area is well known throughout Berkeley Stake.

Vincent P. Caruso and Roger F. Magleby of the Caruso-Magleby Funeral Home in Pittsburg have filed a suit in Martinez against the Contra Costa County coroner and eight mortuaries, charging they are trying to monopolize the mortuary business in the county.

Damages of $120,000 are asked. They charged that since they went

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General Temple Calendar Released for Year 1954

The Church Genealogical Society has sent to the stakes of the Church a bulletin showing for each Church Temple the 1954 calendar.

Opening and closing dates and also days set aside in each temple for baptisms sealings and endowments are given. Our reprint below gives only the opening and closing dates. Information on the other special days may be obtained from the respective stake genealogical committees who have received copies of the complete calendar.

Alberta Temple: Opens Tues., 5 Jan., 1954. Closed for Conference, 5 and 6 April, 1 and 2 October. Holidays: 1st July. Closes for summer, 29 July. Re-opens 21 September. Closes for year; 22 Dec., 1954. Reopens 4 January, 1955.

Arizona Temple: Opens 4 Jan., 1954; closes for summer, 2 July. Re-opens 6 October; closed 25, 26, 27 Nov. Closed evenings on following holidays: 12 and 22 Feb., 31 May, 12 Oct., 11 November. Closes for year, 23 December; re-opens 3 January, 1955.

Idaho Falls Temple: Opens Tues., 5 Jan., 1954. Closes for conference, 6 and 7 April; Holidays: 25 and 26 Nov. Closed for summer, 28 Aug. to 11 Oct., inclusive. Closes for year, 17 Dec. Re-opens Tues., 4 Jan., 1955.

Logan Temple: Closes for Conference: 5 and 6 April; 1 and 2 October. Holidays, 31 May, 5 and 24 July, 25, 26 and 27 November. Closes for summer: 30 July. Re-opens: 6 September. Closes for year: 22 December. Re-opens 3 Jan., 1955.

Manti Temple: Opens 4 Jan., 1954. Closes for Conference: 5 and 6 Apr., 30 Sept., 1 Oct. Holidays: 31 May, 5 July, 6 Sept., 25 and 26 November. Closes for summer: 30 July. Re-opens 7 Sept. Closes for year: 17 Dec. Re-opens 3 Jan., 1955.

St. George Temple: Opens Tuesday, 5 January, 1954. Holidays: 25 November. Closes for summer: 17 July. Re-opens 7 September. Closes for year, 23 December. Re-opens Tues., 4 Jan., 1955.

Salt Lake Temple: Opens Mon. 4, Jan., 1954. Closed for Conference: 5 and 6 April; 1 and 2 Oct. Holidays: 12 Feb., 22 Feb., 31 May, 6 Sept., 12 Oct., 11 Nov., 25, 26 27 November. Closes for summer, 2 July. Re-opens 16 August. Closes for year: 17 December. Reopens 3 Jan., 1955.

Award Fairbanks Receives Dual Sculpture Honors

One of Utah's and the Church's well known sculptors has carved himself another niche of international acclaim.

Dr. Avard Fairbanks, dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Utah has been elected as a fellow of the International Institute of Arts and Letters, Zurich, Switzerland.

Announcement July 9 of the election followed within hours

Berkeley Stake M. I. A.

Lloyd, Yvonne Parry, Drama Directors, Bring Enthusiasm

Lloyd and Yvonne Parry are the new drama directors in the Berkeley Stake YMMIA and YWMIA boards respectively. Both are teaching in the school system of the Concord area and are members of the Concord Ward.

Dr. Richard L. Lyman, Berkeley First Ward, has also been called to the YMMIA stake board and will serve as Special Interest supervisor. Dr. Lyman brings to the board a wealth of experience in dramatic work. He is also on call he was serving in the Sunday School superintendency of Berkeley First Ward.

Brother Parry, a native of Manti, Utah, studied drama at the University of Utah under the famed head of the drama department, Dr. C. Lowell Lees. He brings to the Young Men's board experience and enthusiasm for the dramatic program of the Church.

Sister Parry, who hails from Shelley, Idaho, also studied drama under Dr. Lees. She also has had considerable experience in acting and in direction of plays. She shares with her husband the fine enthusiasm for the drama program of the Church and is convinced it has untold values in teaching and training of young people.

These able people will do much to aid the drama activities of Berkeley Stake. It is certain they will give much needed help to ward drama directors.

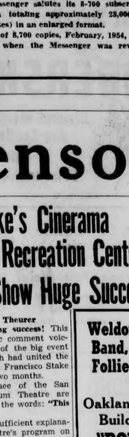
disclosure that Dr. Fairbanks in 1950 was awarded a gold medal by the National Sculpture Society's Herbert Adams Memorial Medal.

The medal is to be awarded in recognition of his "distinguished service to American sculpture through inspirational teaching of the fundamentals of beauty, craftsmanship, and integrity."

Dr. Fairbanks' election as a fellow of the International Institute of Arts and Letters designates him as one of the world's leaders in that field. His name is to be published on the institute's Inauguration Day, Aug. 1, in a list of new members "qualified by notable achievements in art and literature" according to a letter from J. Walter, assistant to the president of the institute.

Dr. Fairbanks has been at the University of Utah since 1947, when the College of Fine Arts was oraganized. He began his career as a teacher of sculpture in 1920.

Among other recent achievements, he has named to the advisory board of the New York City Community Arts Council, which is developing a new program for advancement of the arts in America.



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Our circulation of 8,700 copies, February, 1954, compares with 2,800 when the Messenger was revived, April, 1946.

This March Messenger is still on eight page newspaper. Note, however, these enlarged features of this Messenger:
(1) Former issue, 7 columns, 30 inches long.
(2) This issue, 8 columns, 22 inches long.
(3) Increase in space for news and ads, 22 per cent over last month.
(4) Increase of twice in size over the 5-column format with which we began in 1946.

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Benson Calls For Clear Thinking

S.F. Stake's Cinerama Gym and Recreation Center Benefit Show Huge Success

By Beryl Theurer

An overwhelming success! This is the enthusiastic comment voiced at the climax of the big event February 11 which had united the efforts of the San Francisco Stake for a period of two months.

On the marquee of the San Francisco Orpheum Theatre are emblazoned daily the words: **'This is Cinerama.'**

This was an insufficient explanation of the theatre's program on February 11. It was LDS Nite. The 1,500 patrons who attended were a special group. They were greeted in the lobby by young girls breathtaking in soft-colored evening dresses, who presented everyone with a souvenir program. An introductory message by the theatre manager, Jack Miller, announced that this was a benefit performance, the proceeds of which were pledged to the erection of a San Francisco Stake LDS gymnasium and recreation center. After a brief word of welcome from President Serge J. Lauper, the magnificent spectacle that is Cinerama was unveiled for the delectation of the full capacity audience of LDS members and their friends.

During the intermission the combined ward choirs of the stake under the direction of J. Spencer Cornwall, guest conductor, formed an arc before the mighty curtains covering the cinerama screen, and sang "Let My Song Fill Your Heart," "Madame Jeannette," the beautiful ballad "Annie Laurie," "Serenade" from the Student Prince. The finale, "This is My Country," was a fitting introduction to the "America the Beautiful" sequence which largely comprises the second part of Cinerama, the music for which was furnished by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir under Brother Cornwall's direction, when Cinerama was being produced.

A special tribute and an expression of appreciation is herewith given to President Lauper and his counselors, Jean Lauper, who trained the choirs, general chairman Edward L. Howard, the bishops of the wards, and all the salesmen who contributed to the financial success of this benefit. Praise and appreciation go to Alex Logan, top "salesman," and Peter Shaver, next highest in securing contributions.

Sincere gratitude is also extended for the tireless efforts of all the committees of the music committee—Seymour Steed, chairman; Jean Lauper, stake music director; and Ida Wilcox, organist; the Cinerama committee—Georgia Hammond, accompanist; and to ward choir leaders.

SPENCER CORNWALL HONORED

Brother Cornwall, who flew to San Francisco to conduct the special performance, added this

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Weldonian Show Band, Duane Jr. Follies Features for Oakland's Fourth's Building Fund "BONANZA" Friday, April 2 at Oakland Auditorium Theatre
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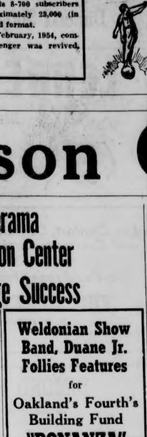

Standing left to right, George Q. Morris, and Berkeley Stake President W. Glenn Hamm.

George Q. Morris, Assistant to the Twelve Apostles, was the representative of the General Authorities at both Berkeley and Oakland Stake quarterly conferences during February. In Berkeley, Feb. 13-14; in Oakland, Feb. 20-21.

George Q. Morris has served the Church in many capacities including General Superintendent. Eastern States Mission president, and now Assistant to the Twelve. He was an early Salt Lake City business and church leader; his brother, the late Joseph L. was a bishop, president and one time a candidate for governor of Utah.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER INSPECTS USDA CONSERVATION EXHIBIT—Left to right, Assistant Secretary J. Earl Coke, Secretary Ezra Taft Benson, President Eisenhower. President Eisenhower looks over a large-scale exhibit in the U.S. Department of Agriculture patio which illustrates the Department's comprehensive plan for a "dynamic resource conservative program." Secretary Ezra Taft Benson and members of his staff explained that the program is designed to "protect and make the best use of soil, water, range and forest resources for the benefit of both rural and urban people."
—Photo by Forsythe

Benson Stumps Entire Nation in Sturdy Battle for Right, Sanity Against Subservient Self Servers

Secretary Ezra Taft Benson travelled extensively over the nation from coast to coast in February championing President Eisenhower's farm proposals.

"For my part I refuse to believe that what is right is not good politics. I refuse to believe that

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Oakland Second

Oakland Fourth Ground Breaking Ceremonies Set

By Kola James

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Oakland Fourth ward chapel are scheduled for noon, March 6, according to Bishop Curtis R. Bybee at chapel site, 4705 Virginia, Oakland, between High and Monticello.

Civic officials, Church General Authorities, and stake and ward leaders will be present.

To the Ward's three bishops, Robert T. Paine, William A. Stewart and Curtis R. Bybee, now serving, the ground-breaking ceremony began fulfillment of a 10-year-old dream.

Newest building fund project is scheduled for April 2 at the Oakland auditorium theatre at 8:15 p.m., called "The Building Band Bonanza," which will feature the Weldonian show band and the Duane Junior Follies.

COWEETA HYDROLOGIC LABORATORY

In the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina there is a great outdoor laboratory where Forest Service and cooperating State scientists are working out methods of water management for the U.S. Forest Service is carrying on intensive watershed studies. Forest scientists are finding practical answers to water problems that have long puzzled engineers and forestry alike.

Brigham Young University's A Capella Entertainment Engaged for Bay Area Appearance

By Annaleone D. Patton

The delightful Brigham Young A Cappella Choir will present two concerts in May in the Bay Region. One concert in San Francisco comes Tuesday, May 4, 1954, and one at Scottish Rite Temple, Oakland, is set for Wednesday, May 5. This 70-voiced choir appeared in 1952 here and was deeply appreciated. Full details of the May 5 appearances will be published later.

Berkeley Stake News

The exchange of the Berkeley and Claremont Ward choirs for sacrament meeting was well received by the respective wards. These choir leaders are fine conscientious men and it's an opportunity to train with them. All singers should give their support. Mary Ann Ellis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Grant Ellis of Berkeley 1st Ward, writes from New York City where she is enrolled as an art student in Barnard (Columbia College) of attending services at Manhattan Ward. New York City, where "Bill" Richards has a full orchestra and three harps to accompany his choir. There Elder Richards is organist as well as chorister. Mary has joined the choir. "Bill" says he wishes Alton Stout were in his choir. Bro. Richards recalls the time when he led the Berkeley 1st. He graduated from the UC in music.

The Brintons Are Home

We are happy to have Milton and Edna Brinton back in Berkeley after a trailer vacation trip of 8 months, the latter part being in Florida. They visited their daughter in Texas.

Marlyn Ream Varley celebrated her grandfather's birthday by presenting Dr. and Sister Ream with a grandson. Since December 31 was Brother Kroguе's birthday the baby boy was given his full name, David Anthony Krogue.

Carol Nelson Kennington, formerly of Berkeley First ward gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl, on Jan. 9th, giving them a family of five.

Oakland Fourth Receives Trophy For Aaronic Boys

Oakland Fourth Ward Bishop Curtis R. Bybee received the stake trophy for the first time from Stake Aaronic Priesthood chairman Glenn C. Rounds. The trophy is given for each quarter for outstanding performance of boys and their leaders.

Only three points below for the three-month period was Oakland Fifth with 1010 points. Oakland Third, placed third with 1000 points.

Honored for attending every Priesthood and Sacrament meeting for **three years** were: Bishop Martin and Counselors of Oakland Fourth and Jay Rounds of Oakland Second.

TWO-YEAR WINNERS

Honored for 100% attendance for two years were: Byron Barker of Oakland Fifth, Charles and Louis

West'n Meat Packers Endorse Farm Prog.

The Western States Meat Packers Association at the closing session Feb. 20 in San Francisco, passed a resolution supporting the Administration's recommended new farm program. Specifically, the resolution endorsed the program's assurance that the livestock and meat will remain free from Government price supports, and it favored the plan for flexible supports on basic commodities.

Feature speaker at yesterday's final session was J. Earl Coke, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture who took the place of Secretary Benson when he had to cancel out because of illness. Coke explained the new agricultural program.

Primarily, it calls for variable support prices of all the basic commodities, except tobacco, at 75 to 90 per cent of parity, depending on supply levels. At present the six basic crops—cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco, peanuts and rice—and supported at a rigid 90 per cent of parity, by law.

All are in surplus supply, of course. Uncle Sam holds a year's domestic supply of wheat and cotton alone, Coke reminded.

So one of the greatest challenges of our time is how to live with plenty; how to use our abundance, the Assistant Secretary emphasized. That's what the new program is designed to help answer.

IMPRESSIVE STAKE COURT OF HONOR

Fifty-four cubs, scouts and explorers were honored for advancement at the Stake Court of Honor on February 5. Three guide scouts were promoted to MIA.

Hansel and Gretel Light Opera Comes To Bk. M'ch 24-26

Mark your calendar for one of these dates: March 24, 25 or 26, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday night! The Berkeley Stake MIA presentation of "Hansel and Gretel" will be given those nights in the Berkeley Ward Recreation Hall. Curtain time is scheduled for 8 p.m. each evening.

As announced previously, the operetta is being carried through in the spirit of "fun" by the members of the cast.

Casting is complete, and the roles are assigned as follows: Hansel, Alexander Kapetanovich; Gretel, Laura Summerhays Stay; Mother, Lily Blackburn; Father, Dean Jensen; witch of Mar-a-Witch, Enid Young; Dewdrop girl, Billie Carman; and, Sandman, Don Wescott. Supporting cast include the chorus of "boys' and "girls," the children's animal ballet and the band.

Jana Malstrom, Stake MIA Music Director will direct the orchestra, while chorus direction will be under the guidance of Mary Walliman. The orchestra consists of fourten pieces.

Elder Clifford E. Young Declares Mankind Needs Both Spiritual And Practical Life Experiences

By JAMES C. YOUNG

The Santa Rosa Stake quarterly conference February 6 and 7, met for PriestHood meeting in Santa Rosa; the two Sunday sessions and the evening M.I.A. meetings were held in Vallejo Ward. Fair weather prevailed and attendance was high.

Representing the General Authorities was Clifford E. Young, Assistant to the Twelve; Alfred Taft, representing the general welfare committee.

Heard at the conference on Sunday besides Elders Young and Urbahan, and the stake presidency, were Joseph Allen, Glen Lowery, Ronald Cheney, and Mark Brockbank of the high council, Isaac B. Ball, patriarch of Berkeley Stake, Stewart C. Mitchell, bishop of Fairfield Ward, and Ruth Fell, stake M. I. A. president.

Fairfield Made a Ward

Fairfield Branch was advanced to ward status by vote of conference members at the conference. Sustained as the bishopric were

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President and Mrs. McKay Complete Record Air-Tour African, S.A., C.A., Missions

A 32,000 mile trip begun Dec. 29 and made mostly by air to England, South Africa, three missions in South America, and the Central American Mission by President and Mrs. David O. McKay was completed Feb. 14, when the happy and only slightly fatigued couple stepped from their Pan American plane in Los Angeles. Except for delays caused by airplane engine troubles in Panama, the President and his party consisting of wife and son Robert R., would have included a two-day visit to the Mexican Mission headquarters in Mexico City. They flew direct from Guatamala to Los Angeles.

"Though I feel somewhat fatigued, the strenuous trip has been worthwhile and profitable to both the people and the Church," commented the President when interviewed upon his arrival. The health of the president and Mrs. McKay appeared excellent, their spirits fine, and their adjectives for the trip included, "marvelous, and wonderful;" "hospitality everywhere left absolutely nothing to be desired," he continued.

Before returning to Salt Lake City the couple spent a week at Emerald Bay